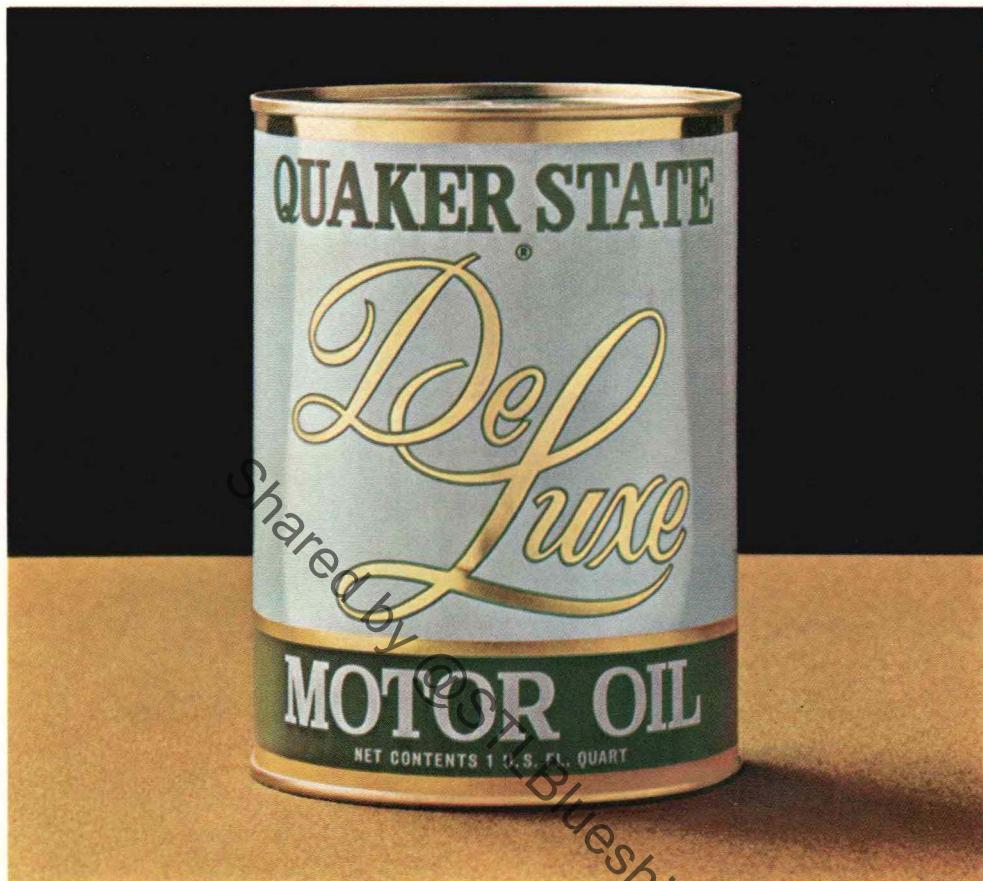


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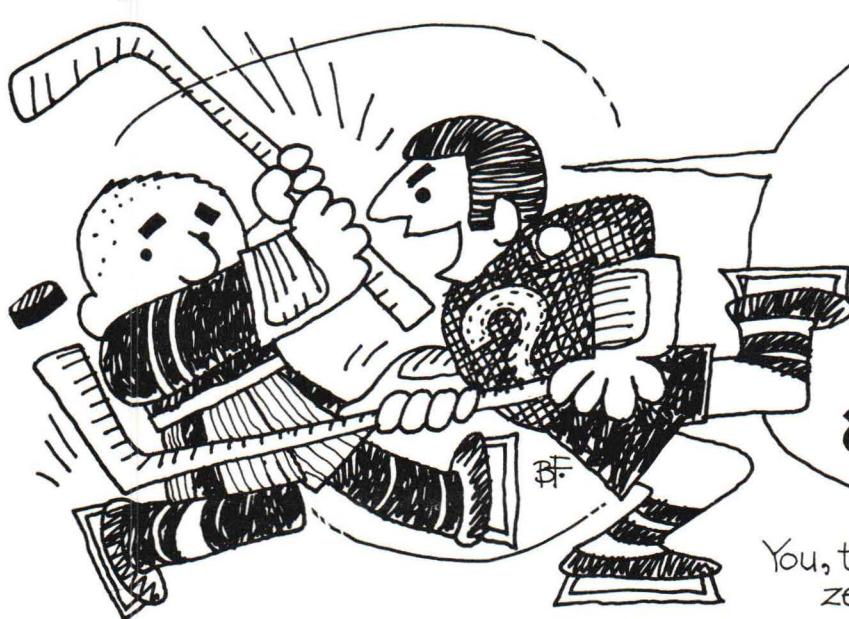
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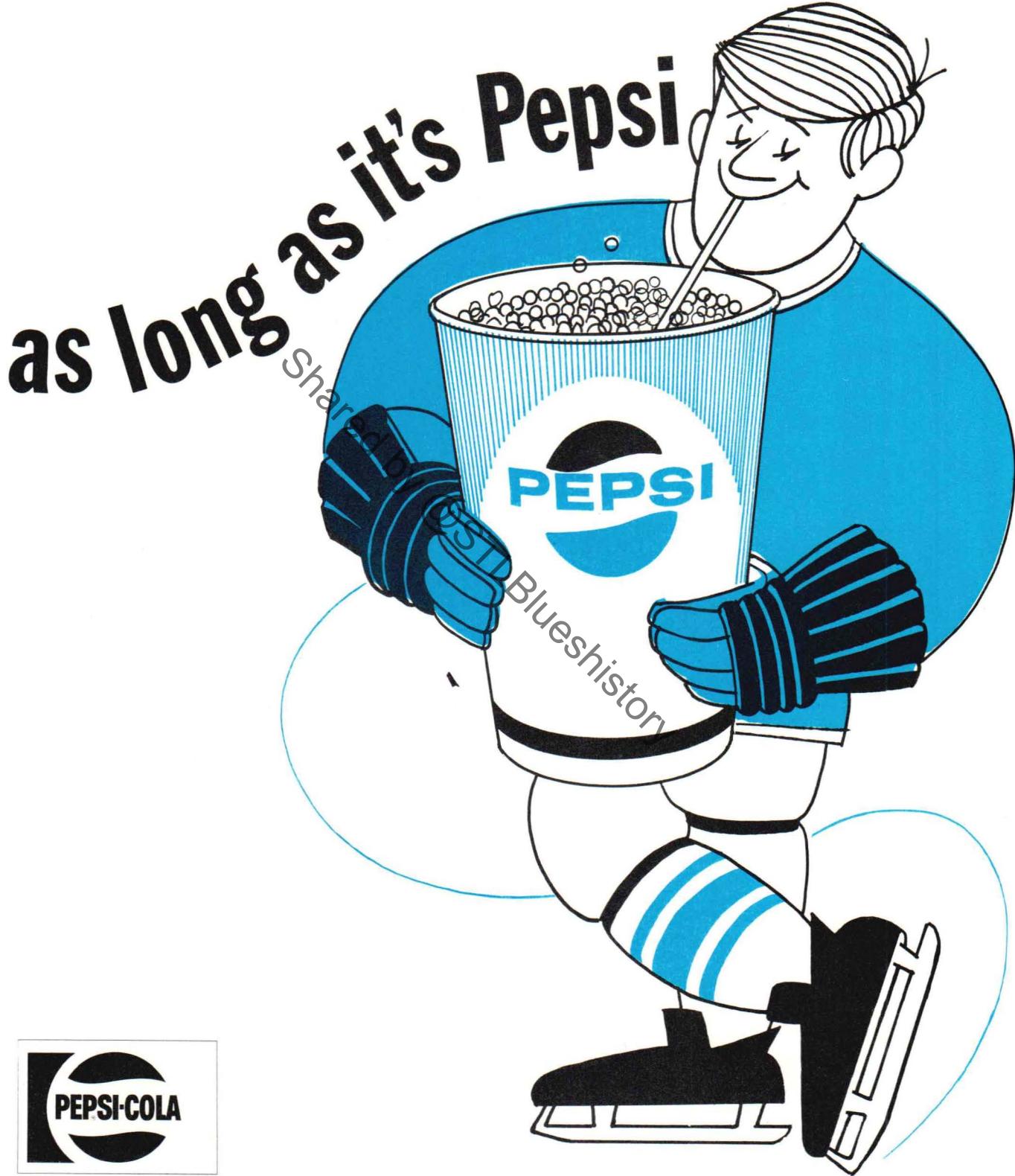
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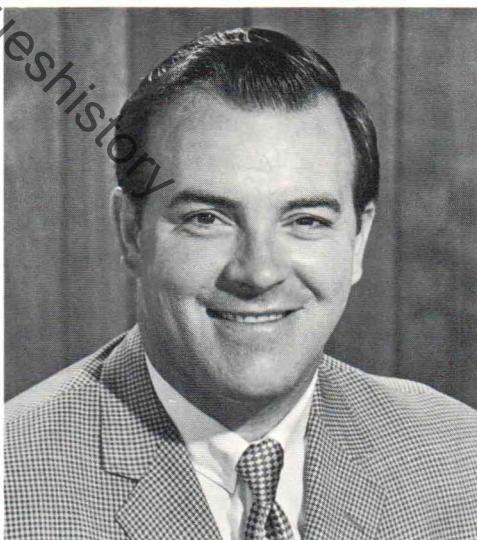
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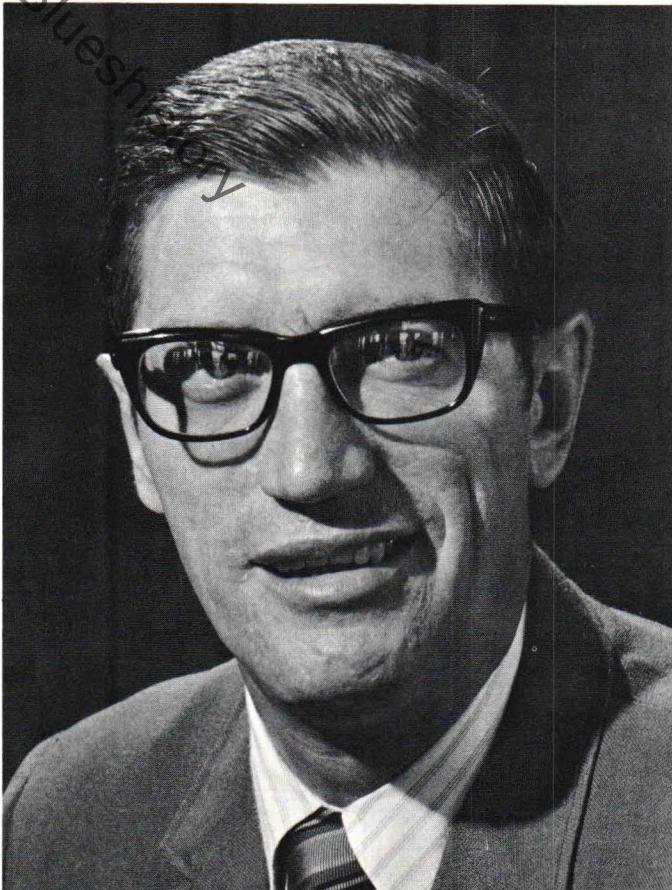
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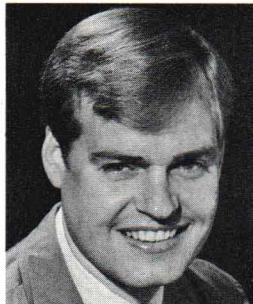
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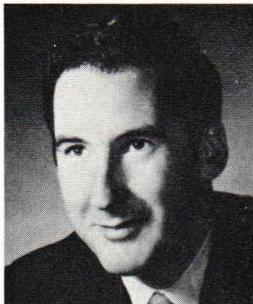


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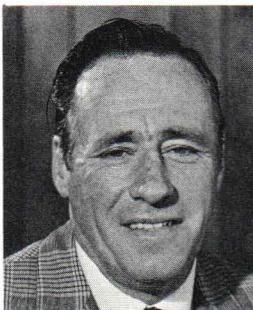
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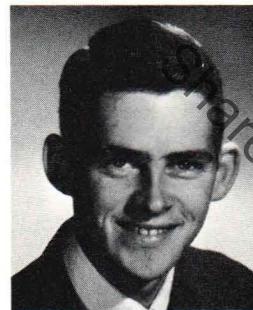
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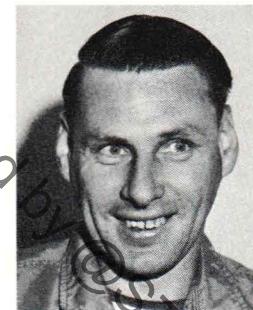
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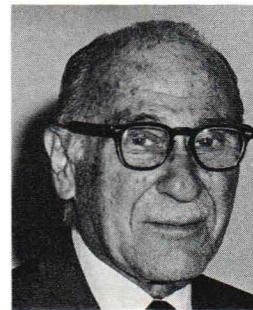
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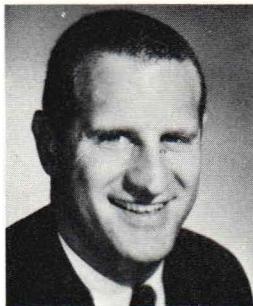


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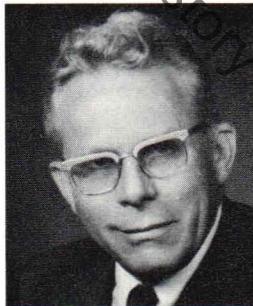
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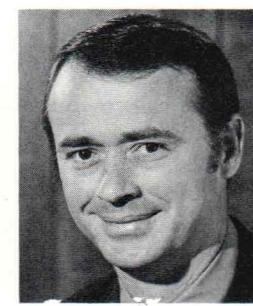
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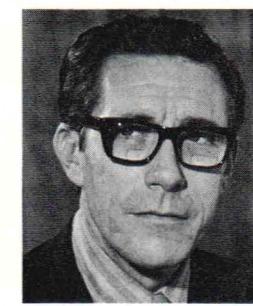
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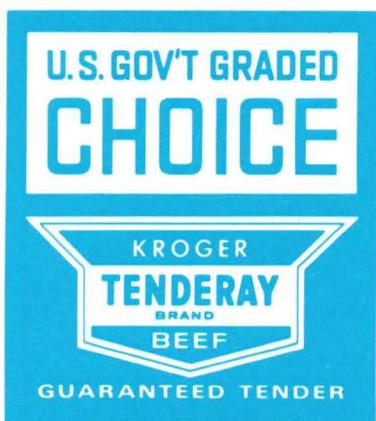
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The Blues youth movement is doing fine, thank you, and its success this season promises well for the future.

Many changes have been made in the Blues' lineup and in most cases younger players were obtained. When you make a nearly 50 per cent turnover in personnel, you are bound to have problems and that accounts in part why the Blues have been inconsistent this season.

"I've made a lot of mistakes," Arbour went on, "but I'm learning and hope to continue to learn. I played defense many years and I was learning all the time."

At the start of last season, the Blues' roster listed 24 players with an average age of 30. Currently, they have 22 players averaging 28.

That may not seem like much of a reduction, but the ten players who have gone averaged 31.4 years,

Montreal, with a surprising 25.8, and Toronto with 26.0, have the two youngest lineups, while all the others are between 27 and 28.

The Blues now can put out two forward lines on which the oldest player would be 25 and all but one of them is a newcomer.

One trio could have Chris Bordeleau, 23, at center with Tim Ecclestone, 23, the lone holdover, and George Morrison, 22, at the wings.



Ecclestone, Bordeleau and Morrison are all under 25.

"You have to make adjustments both ways," says coach Al Arbour, "The new players have to adapt themselves to our style and their new teammates, while, in turn, the veterans have to become accustomed to different partners.

"And don't forget," Arbour continued, "This is a new job to me and I've had a lot to learn. The players have to find out what I want and how I want them to play. Scotty Bowman (last season's coach) and I think a lot alike and have the same general philosophy about hockey, but each of us does things a little differently.

while the eight who have been acquired average 25.8. And, of course, the others who remained have all aged a year.

When you consider that the Blues are playing at almost exactly the same point pace as they did last season, you can readily see that they have brought in youth without sacrificing talent.

The Blues now compare favorably in age with the other teams in the National Hockey League. Pittsburgh has the oldest squad with a 30.4 average, while both New York and Los Angeles are slightly higher than the Blues.

The other would consist of Jim Lorentz, 23, at center with Craig Cameron, 25, and Brit Selby, 25, at the wings.

Actually, Arbour doesn't use those matchups, but it points out the new look on the Blues.

The other newcomers are defensemen John Arbour, 25, and forward Bill Sutherland, 36. Sutherland is an exception to the youth movement, but he was bought in an emergency deal when veteran Ab McDonald suffered a back injury and was out for a long time.

The "old man" of the Blues now

is goalie Glenn Hall who is 39. Then there's a drop to the 36 of Sutherland and Bill McCreary.

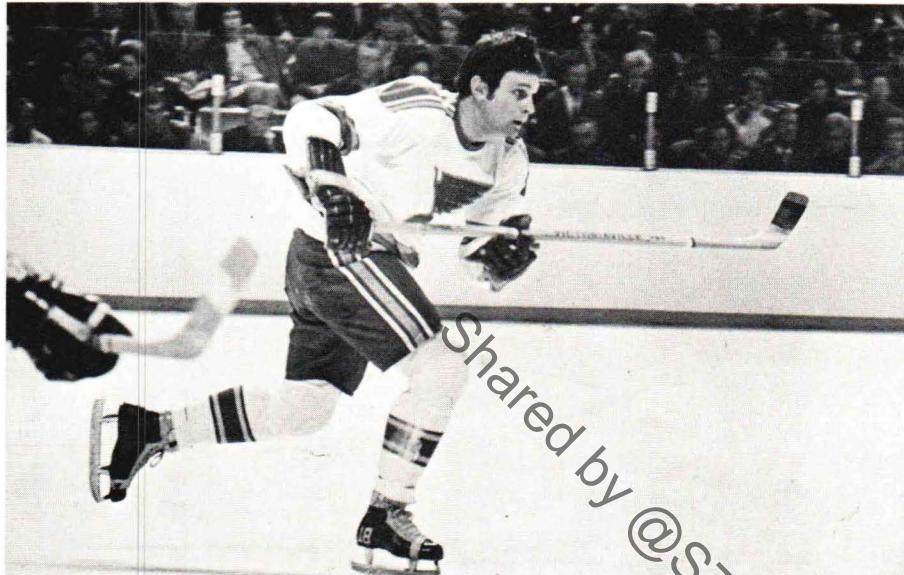
The Blues have nine players age 30 or over, but several of them are just at their peak in the lower 30s, like Jim Roberts, 30, Red Berenson, 31, Frank St. Marseille, 31, and Noel Picard, 32.

They will provide the seasoned nucleus any hockey team needs to

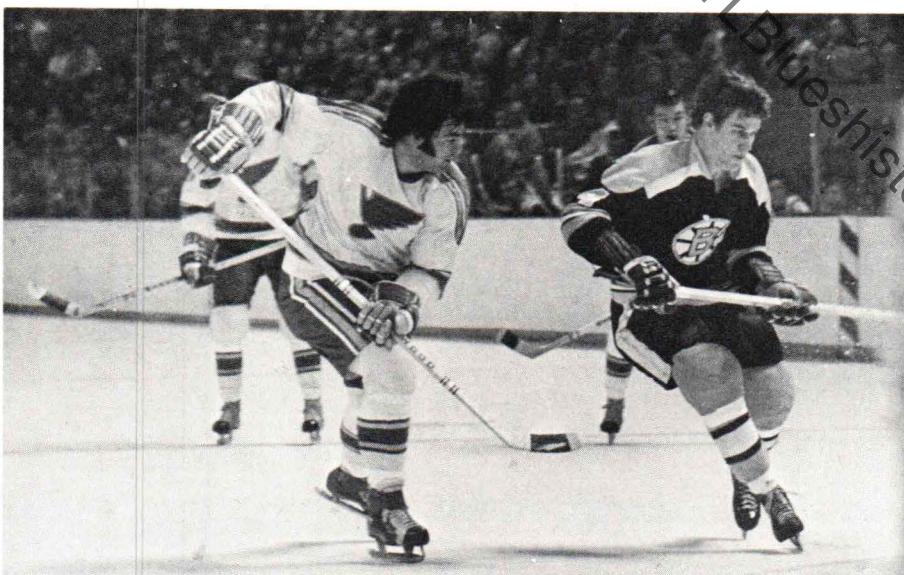
squad. That was the average weight. To no one's surprise, the Boston Bruins are by far the heaviest. The Bruins weigh in at an average 194.9 pounds per man.

Closest to the Bruins are the Los Angeles Kings at 188.3, while California, 187.3, and New York, 184.7, are next. The Blues average 180.4.

Overall, the Blues have made a



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A pair of young players, Selby and Arbour, joined the Blues after the season had started.

succeed, but the future accomplishments of the Blues must come from the youngsters like Ecclestone, (even though he is in his fourth season he is still young,) Bordeleau, Morrison and Lorentz.

The NHL also revealed one other statistic along with the ages of each

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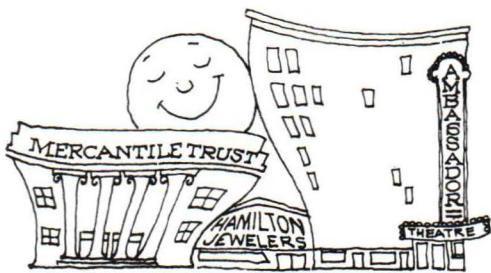
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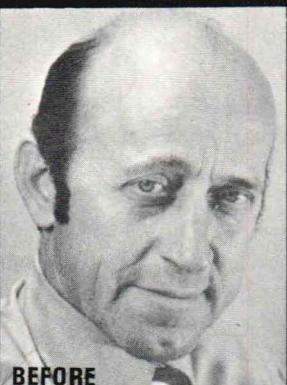
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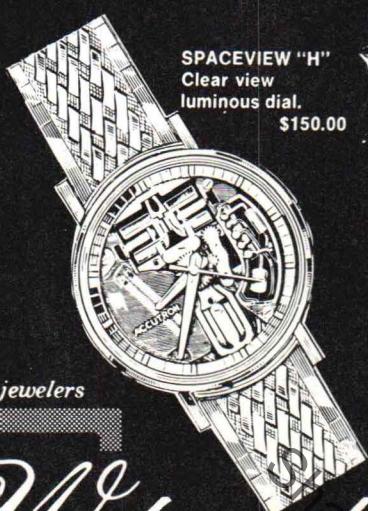
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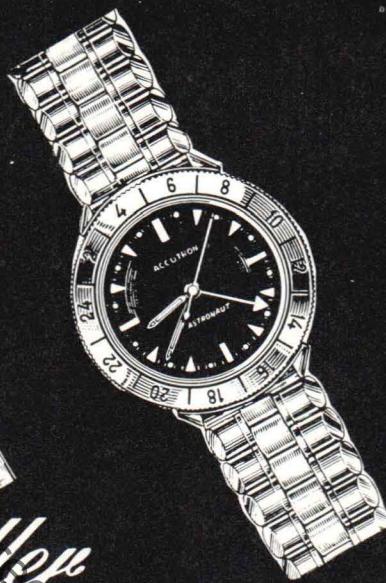
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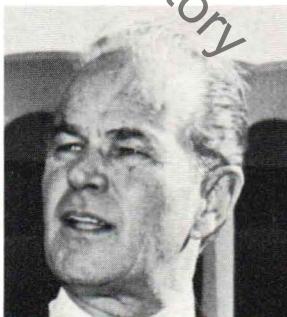
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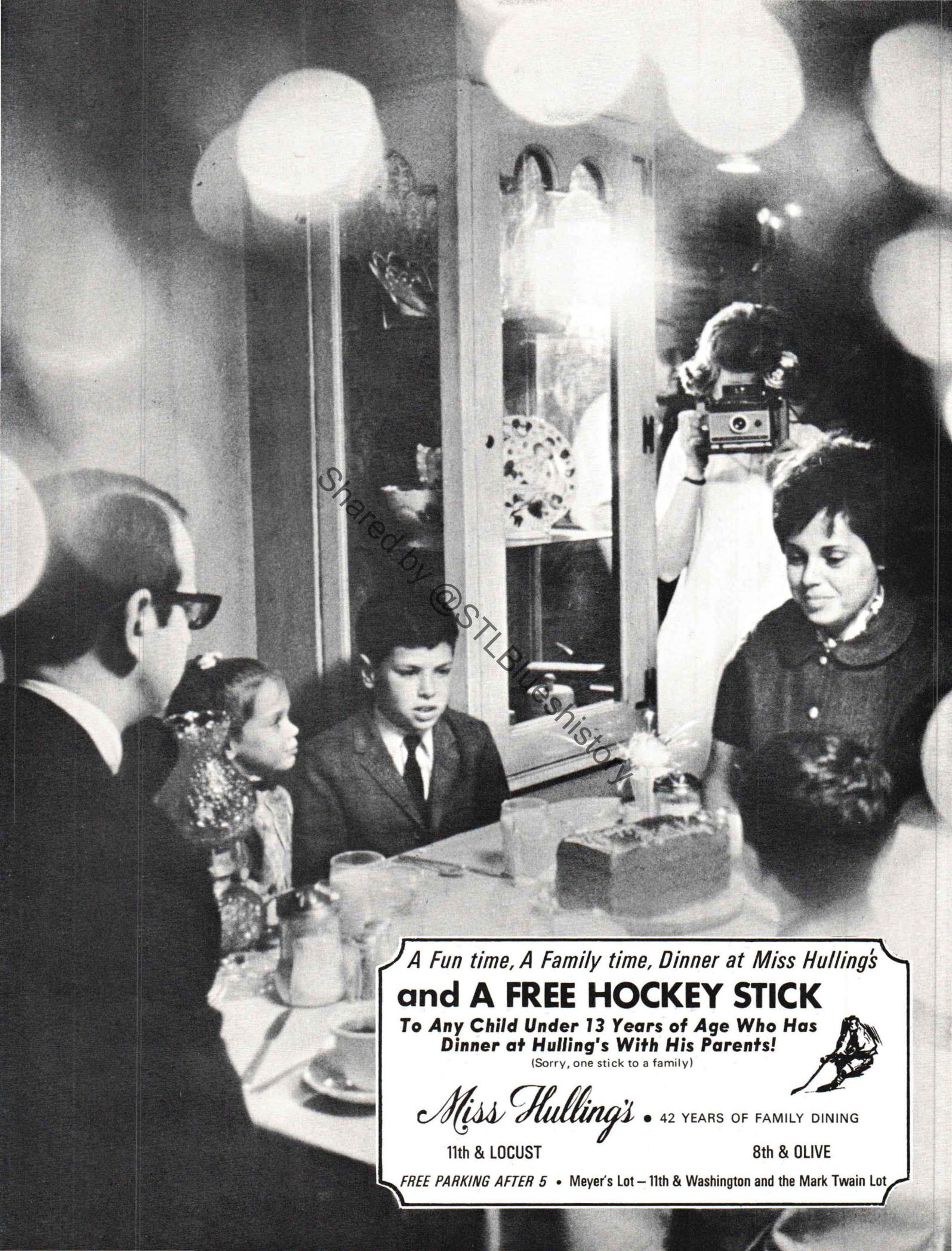


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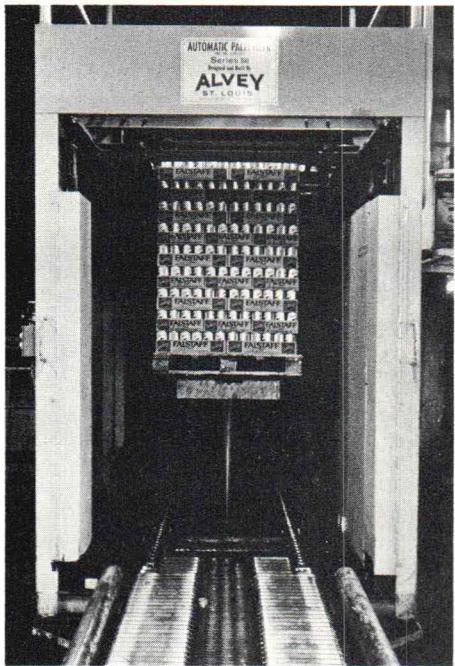


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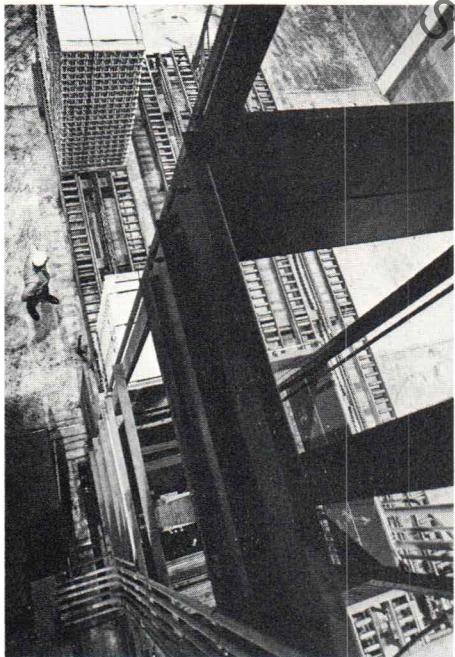
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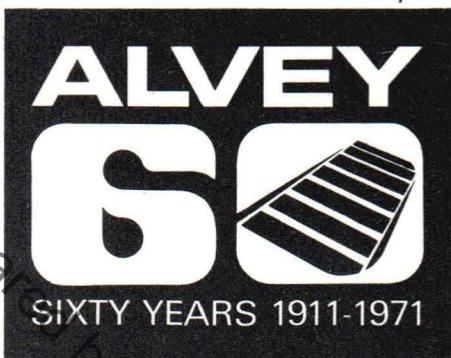
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# WHEN A TEAM IS A TEAM

BY DONALD BERNS/Hockey News

Gordie Howe had no trouble in explaining how he and Alex Delvecchio teamed for a goal in the final 30 seconds of a game two seasons ago to give the Detroit Red Wings a 1-1 tie with the St. Louis Blues at the Arena.

Howe had stormed along his right wing to the St. Louis net, then without looking dropped a pass which Delvecchio quickly jammed past Jacques Plante into the goal.

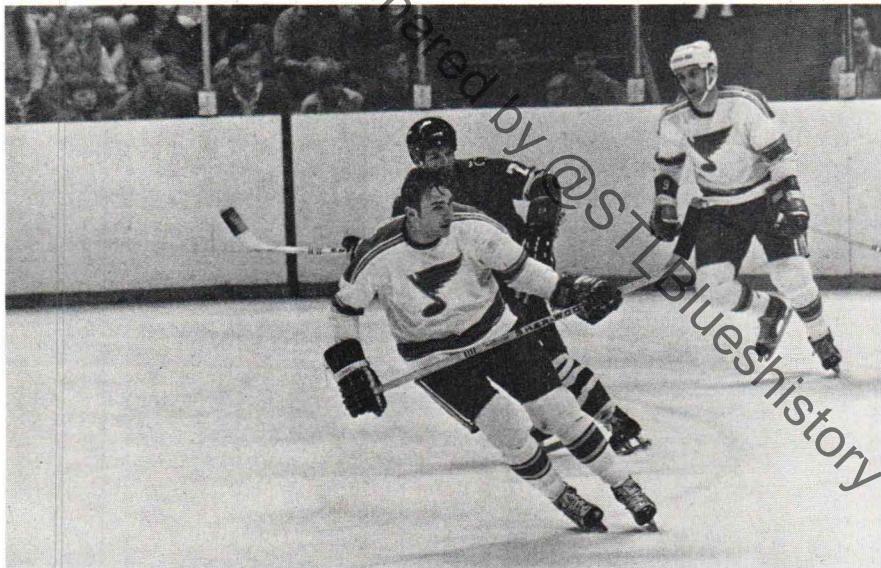
Howe said simply, "I knew Alex would be in that spot. He always is."

Howe was speaking of the remarkable cohesion which can be achieved by veteran linemates such as himself and Delvecchio or by a whole team which has

been together for many seasons. Howe and Delvecchio are probably the supreme example of this cohesion; they have been playing on the same team for 20 years — most of that time on the same line — and know one another's every move and every instinct on the ice.

If hockey coaches cannot duplicate the rapport of these two veterans or of an entire veteran team, at least they try to emulate it. A coach and general manager don't like to be forced into disrupting their hockey team. Changes must be made, and at times these changes appear to be real shakeups. But a team ordinarily suffers when it makes a series of trades and acquisitions, and a coach shudders when his team is peopled with new faces.

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Lorentz and Bordeleau—a transition is made.



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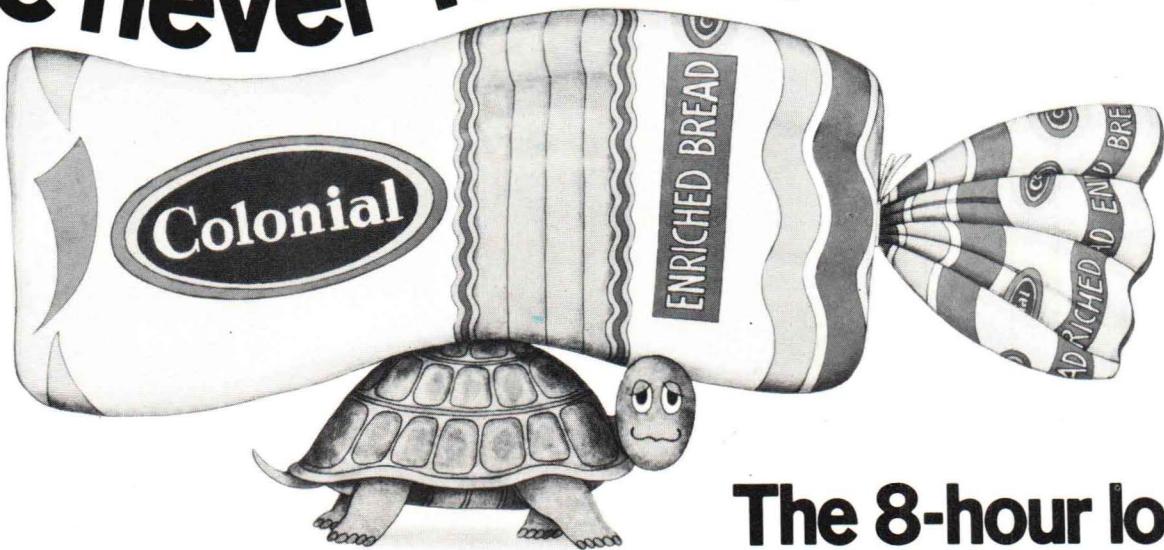


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**JIM LORENTZ**

# FROM VILLIAN TO GOOD GUY

BY GARY MUELLER/St. Louis Post - Dispatch

Jim Lorentz is a dedicated, intense hockey player. But if an opposing player were to whisper: "I know where you can find a male wood duck, Jim Lorentz might well forget all about hockey.

"I'm a serious trout fisherman," explained Lorentz. "And the feathers from the male wood duck, which are rare in Canada, make an excellent trout fly.

"I used to read in outdoor magazines about trout fishing and became interested about 10 years ago. I taught myself how to tie flies and spend most of my free time working on them."

Red Berenson, an avid hunter, has kept Lorentz supplied with those special wood duck feathers.

"I knew Red was a hunter," Lorentz said, "so I told him if he ever shot any wood ducks, to let me know. He brought some to the rink one morning before practice and I went out to his car and plucked them. I probably got about \$30 worth of the feathers, because they sell for 30 cents apiece in Canada."

During the off-season Lorentz, a resident of Niagara Falls, Ont., spends much of his time trout fishing the streams on Canada's Bruce Peninsula, about 2½ hours

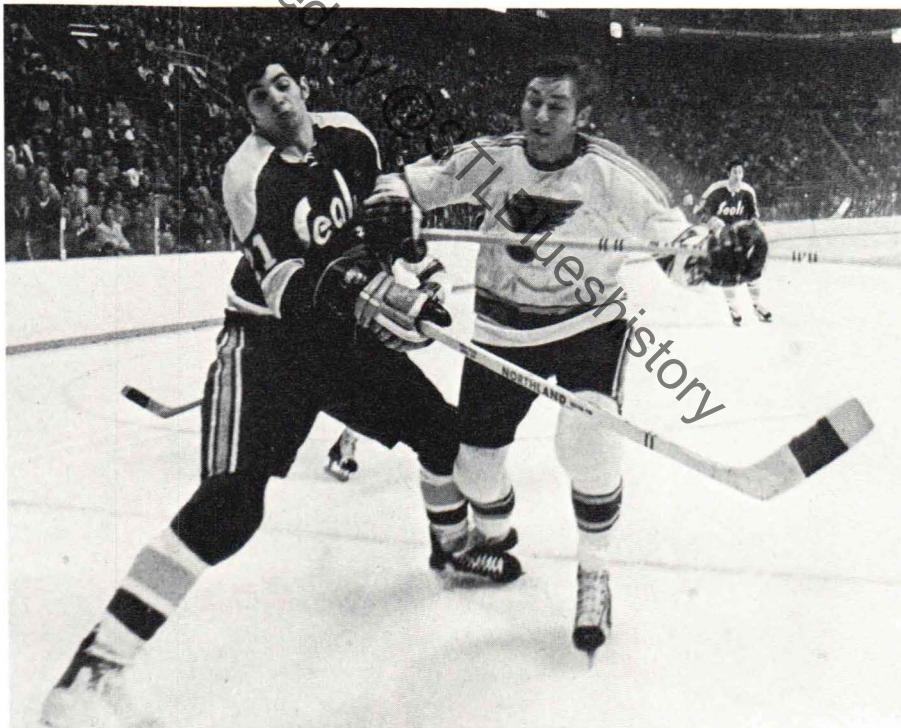
driving time from Niagara Falls.

He gets ready for the summer months by tying the flies over the winter.

"I usually take my fly-tying equipment with me on the road," said Jim. "I have a little vice to hold the stuff, hooks, the wood duck feathers, turkey feathers and even some polar bear hairs."

Recently, however, Lorentz hasn't found much time at home for his hobby. Jim and his wife Barbara have been kept busy by their 10-month-old daughter, Alicia.

"She's already had the chicken pox and an ear infection," said Jim.



"She's really kept things jumping around our apartment."

Barbara, who met her husband when he was playing amateur hockey in Niagara Falls, doesn't share Jim's trout-fishing enthusiasm, but she keeps busy during the summer giving piano lessons.

"Barbara enjoys hockey, but she's not a real fan," said Jim. "I'd just as soon not talk hockey at home,

so I try not to bring the game home with me. We'd rather spend our time playing euchre (a card game)."

A year ago, however, when Jim was playing for the Boston Bruins, his trout fishing was a year-round thing.

"Johnny Bucyk told us about a house way out in the suburbs that had two acres of ground," said Jim. "I could go out in my back yard

and catch my limit of trout within an hour."

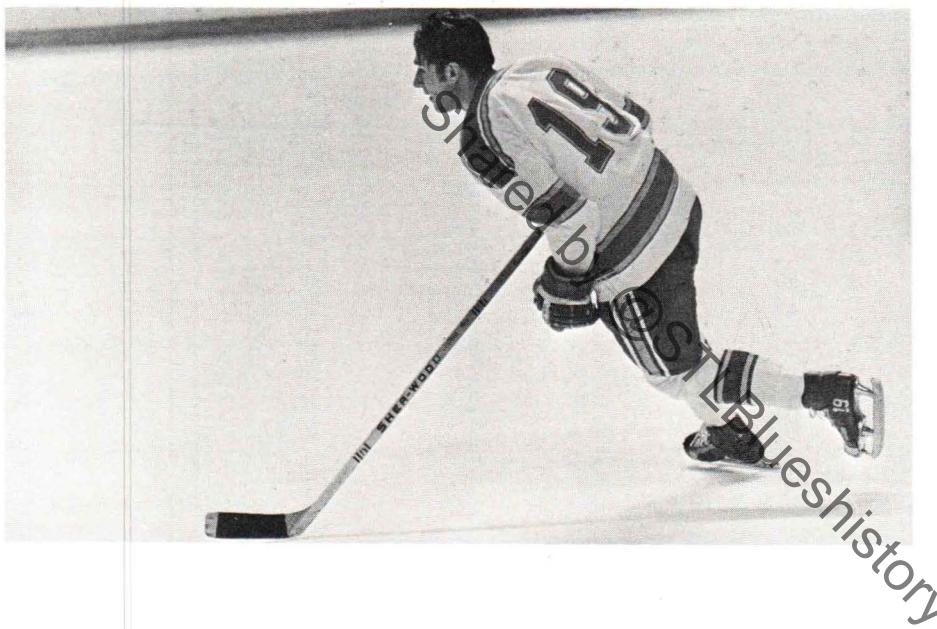
Most of Lorentz's memories of Boston, culminating in beating the Blues in the Stanley Cup final, are happy ones. But he is quick to add that he's extremely happy now that he's with St. Louis.

"I was with the team all year, so I certainly felt a part of the Bruins," Lorentz said, "but I wasn't getting

to play a lot and I don't think I could have stood sitting on the bench for another season."

In parts of two seasons Jim played in 79 games, managing to pick up eight goals (including two in one game against the Blues) and 19 assists.

"When they called me up, I joined the team in Montreal," Lorentz recalled. "Here I was, breaking in at the Forum and playing against guys like Beliveau and Richard that I had been watching all my life. Then the next day we played at Chicago. Those were two pretty good places to get an introduction into the National Hockey League."



Lorentz admits that only now is he getting accustomed to playing against the stars he worshiped as a youngster growing up in Waterloo, Ont.

"I used to collect all the hockey flips (bubblegum cards)," he said. "My favorite was Gordie Howe. The first time I played against Detroit, I was assigned to cover him. I didn't get too close to him and I asked myself, 'What am I doing here?'"

Once Jim got over that initial reaction, he knew he wanted to stay in the NHL, and he wanted a good shot at proving he belonged.

"Naturally when I found out I

had been traded, it was a shock," said Lorentz, "but I realized this was my big opportunity. If I ever was going to make it, this would be the time."

The Blues apparently had confidence in Lorentz, because they gave up their first-round draft choice to obtain him. Boston used the Blues' turn to draft defenseman Ron Plumb, now with Oklahoma City in the Central Hockey League.

"Scotty Bowman made the deal," said Blues' coach Al Arbour. "We were to be the ninth team to draft and I'm sure Scotty felt that by the time it was our turn, we wouldn't be able to get anyone as good as Lorentz. After all, Jim was one of the best juniors in Canada only a few years earlier."

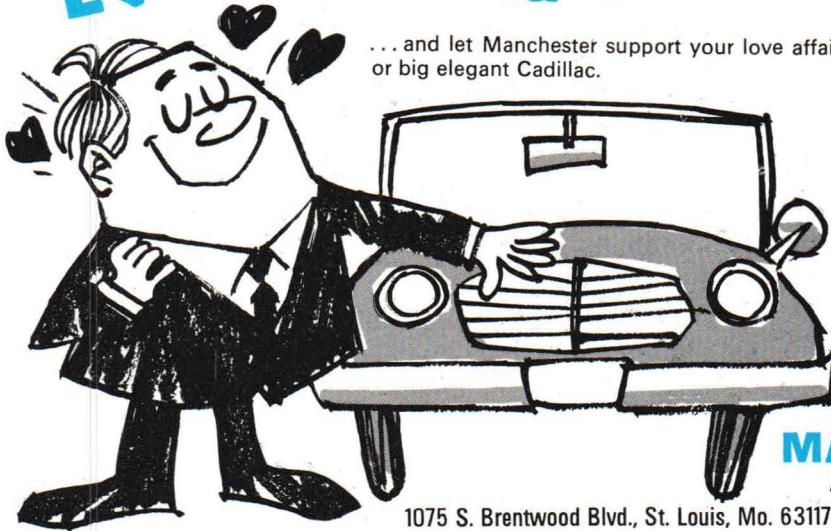
Lorentz, after a slow start, has been showing considerable improvement and is being counted on to be one of the leaders in the Blues' bid to overhaul Chicago for the West Division championship.

Jim has had to make three major adjustments: (1) he had to lose weight; (2) he had to learn St. Louis' style of play, and (3) he had to switch from center to left wing.

"I came to training camp out of

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## HOCKEY

### Gary Ronberg

The shock of the trade hadn't even worn off last February 6 when Red Berenson and Timmy Ecclestone fans all over St. Louis began reaching for their calendars with one hand and hockey schedules with the other. What they wanted to know was if the Detroit Red Wings were coming to town again this year—and if they were, when. Maybe The Red Baron and Timmy had played their last game in Blues' blue, but if they were going to be coming back "home", there were a lot of old friends who wanted to be on hand to say hello.

And Saturday, March 20 was of course the date everybody had circled in red (no pun intended) on that unforgettable Saturday morning last month. Berenson and Ecclestone to Detroit for Garry Unger and Wayne Connelly—why, few can remember when a sports trade had shaken up old St. Louis so much.

If one were to look at the deal objectively, however, he might say that up to now it has worked out quite well for both teams. Bothered by a hand injury, Unger got off to a slow start with the Blues, but he's come on strong as of late. And last Saturday night he enjoyed his best game yet in a St. Louis uniform, scoring three goals and assisting on four more in the 9-0 win over Buffalo. Connelly has fitted in well up front, while giving the Blues a booming shot from the right point on the power play. Going into this week's action he had three goals and 10 assists in 18 games with the Blues.

Meanwhile, Berenson has been a workhorse for the Wings. Playing on the power play and killing penalties as well as taking a regular shift, the redhead has three goals and 11 assists in 16 games. Ecclestone has two goals and six assists for eight points in 16 games.

How do the two feel about the deal?

"I was in a real daze those first two games with Detroit," Berenson recalls. "The shock of the trade hadn't worn off yet. It was like a dream. I kept expecting to wake up any moment.

"But then the realization struck home. Those sweaters were red, not blue. You can't look back; you have to go ahead."

Is Berenson bitter? "No, not really. Professional hockey is a big business based on cold, calculated judgements without sympathy, loyalty or apology. The management of the Blues decided that changes were necessary for several reasons, and Timmy and I just happened to be the ones who had to go.

"We were foolish to think that the St. Louis management was different, or held more stock in its players than is normal in player-owner relationships around the league. I guess that's the reason we were caught off guard and so stunned by the trade.

"Now that I've digested the change, I can look back without bitterness and thank Sidney Salomon, Jr., Sid Salomon III, Lynn Patrick, Scotty Bowman and Al Arbour, who all treated me fairly while I was with the Blues.

"The Red Wings offer a new challenge for me, just as the Blues did when I was traded to them in 1967. The Wings are old in name, but basically they're a new team with a new general manager and a new coach. Tim and I hope that we can help

Detroit. We face the future with optimism and treasure the memories of the past."

"My aim," says Timmy Ecclestone, "is to build myself into a solid two-way hockey player. You hear about players who score a lot of goals but also give up a lot. I want to be able to go both ways.

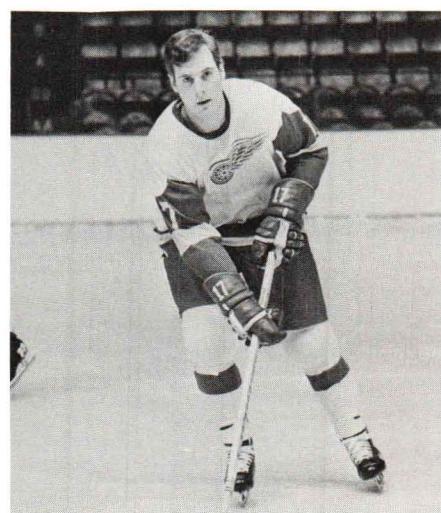
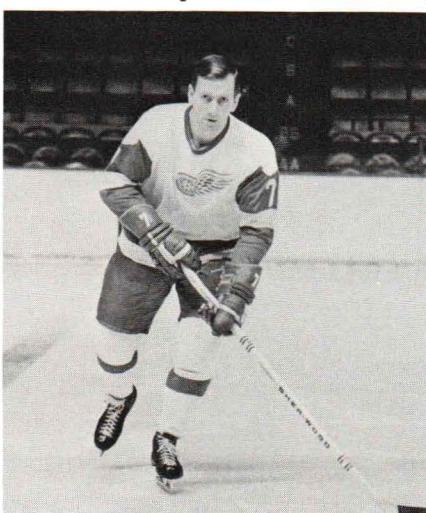
"Berenson is a good example of the type of player I'd like to be. He gets his goals and his points, but he also checks hard.

"Things come to you over a period of time. As you get your feet wet, you see things that you didn't see before. Hockey is a learning process, and I'm looking forward to playing with guys like Gordie Howe and Alex Delvecchio. They can teach me a lot."

And so tonight—just before the teams take the ice—more attention will be focused on the runway at the south end of the Arena that at any time since—well, since Jacques Plante returned for the first time in the uniform of the Toronto Maple Leafs. It will seem strange to see Red and Timmy in their new colors, but as Berenson said, hockey is a business—not a game.

Bob Plager would agree, too, for as he said a few days after the trade was made; "I hated to see those two go, 'cause they were good friends of mine. But that's the way this business is run and you've got to get used to it. So when Detroit comes in here all I can say is, 'Hi Red', and 'Hi Timmy.'

"Keep your head up."



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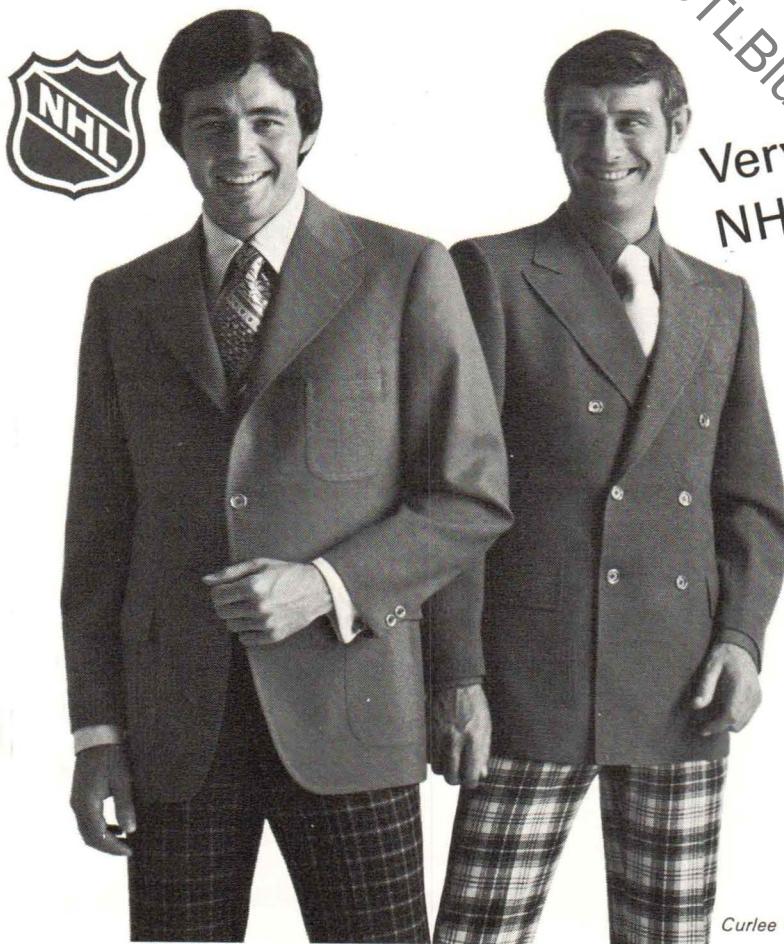
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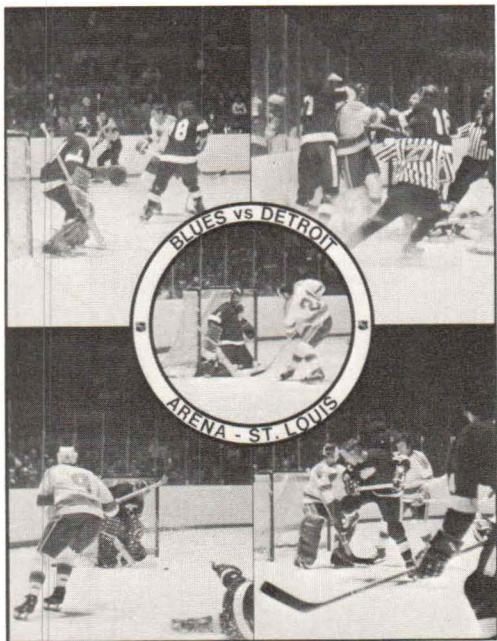
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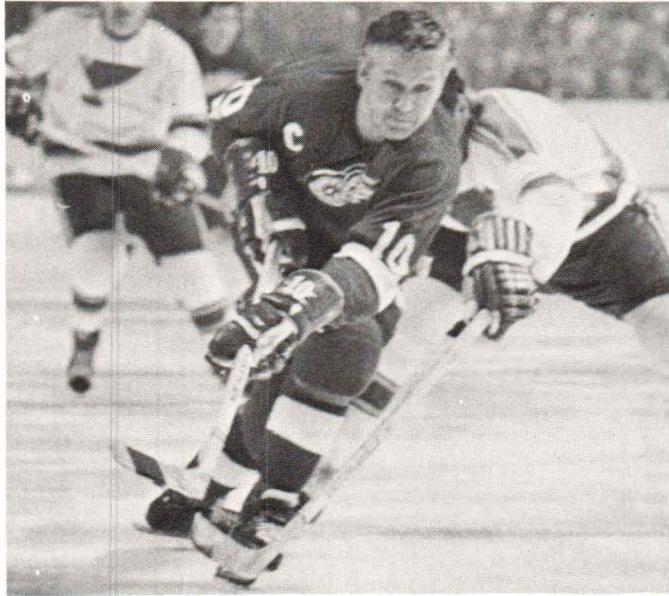


# ON THE COVER



Tonight's cover, printed in a unique duotone process, features a montage of Blues — Red Wings action shots this season at the Arena. The photos were taken by Lou Portnoy and Bob Kolbrenner using the strobe effect for highest quality.

## ABOUT TONIGHT



It's a bit of a homecoming for the Red Wings' Red Berenson and Tim Ecclestone but it's also a big hockey contest as the Blues try to lock up second place in the NHL West. Detroit, looking to play the spoilers role, has not defeated St. Louis in five games this season. Their last victory at the Arena was Jan. 24, 1970.



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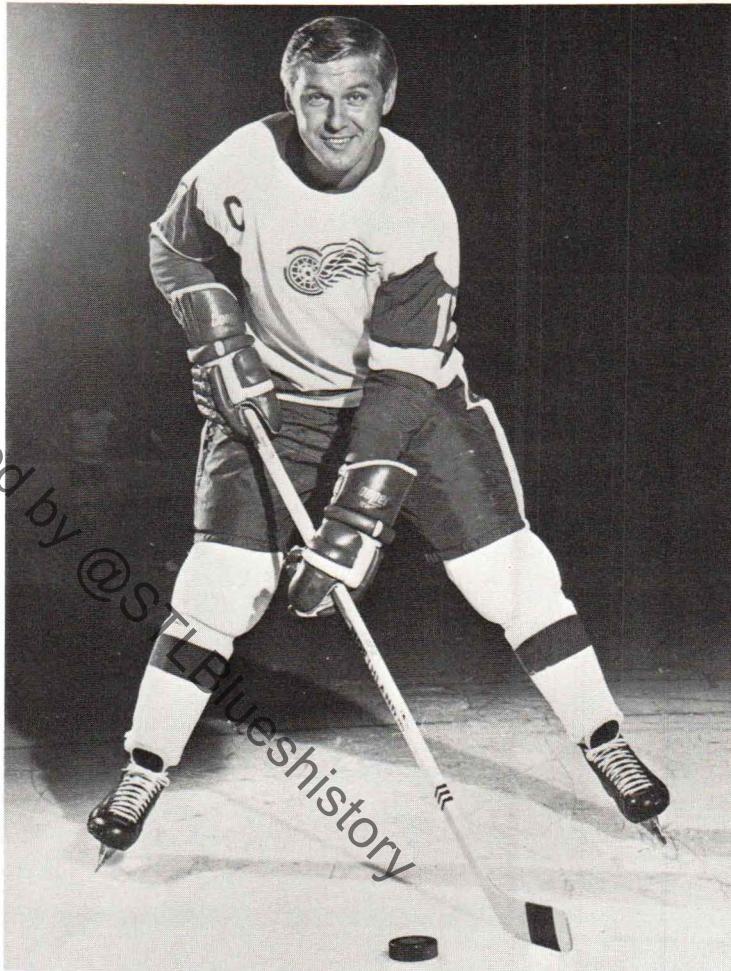
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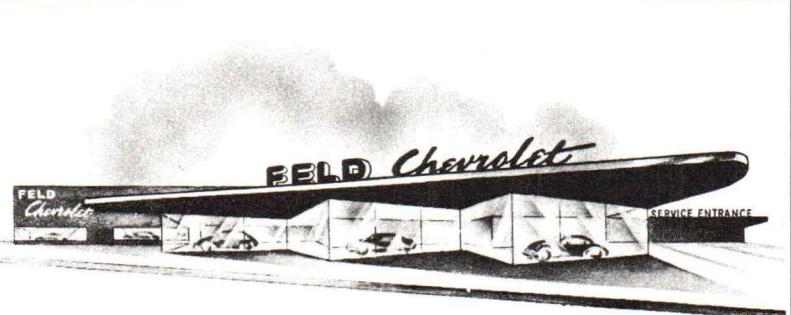


ALEX DELVECCHIO  
DETROIT RED WINGS

Alex Delvecchio, captain of the Red Wings, skated onto the Olympia ice the night of Feb. 25 in a game against the Blues. That particular evening he was Detroit's last link with a great past. Gordie Howe was out with an injury, Frank Mahovlich had been traded to Montreal and a former teammate, Glenn Hall, was in the nets for the opposing team. Alex has spent his entire NHL career with Detroit where he has won the Lady Byng Trophy three times, named to two All-Star teams and scored over 400 goals. He has been a Wing longer than any center in Detroit's history and finished among the NHL top ten scorers on eleven occasions. Alex has missed scoring 20 goals a season only once in ten years, that in '66-'67 when he only tallied 17, but picked up 38 assists for 55 points. His playoff record shows 104 points in 121 games, including 35 goals.



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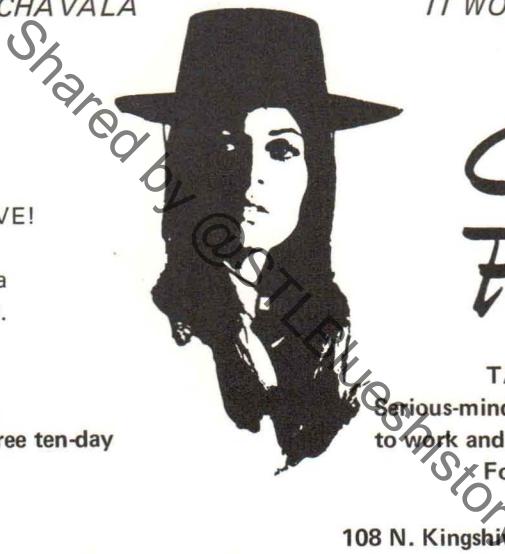
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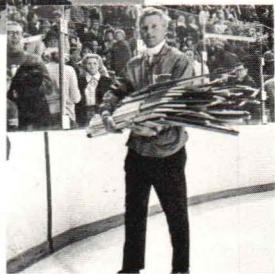


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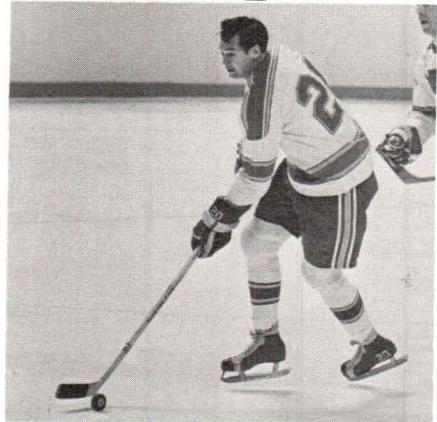


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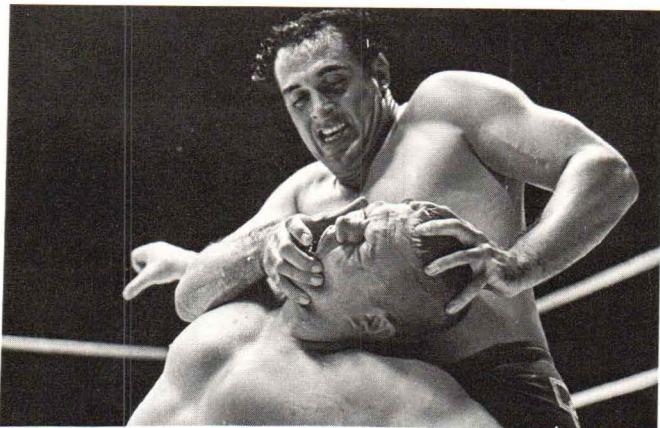
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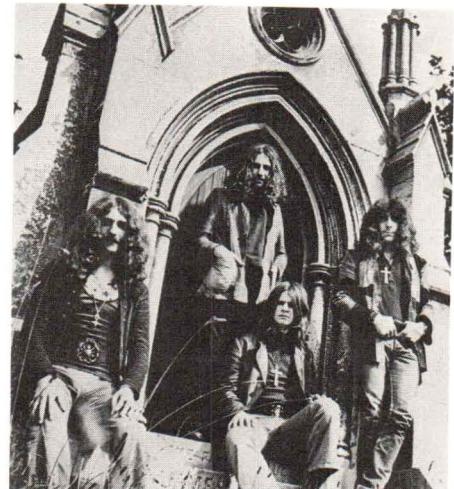
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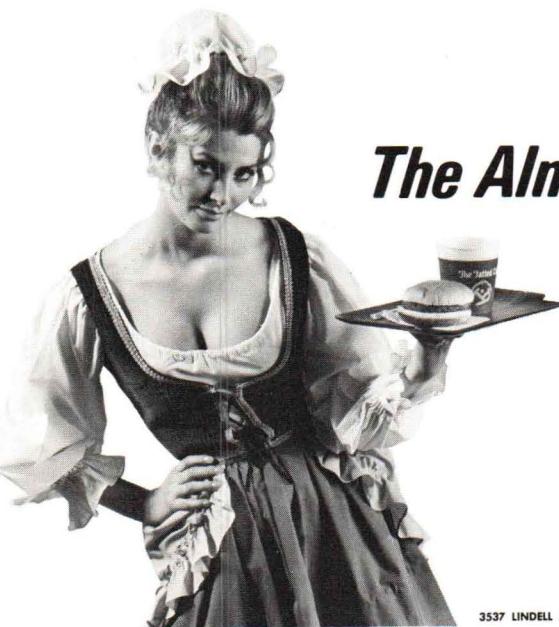
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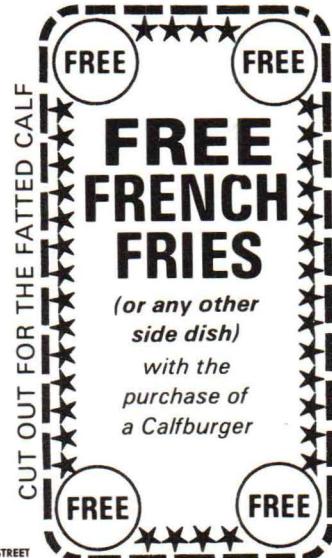
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PLAYER	Hgt.	Wgt.	Place of Birth	Date	1969-70 Team	1969-70 Record
Forwards					G A PTS	
BERENSON, Red	6-0	190	Regina, Sask.	Dec. 8, 1939	St. Louis (NHL)	33 39 72
CHARRON, Guy	5-10	77	Verdun, Que.	Jan. 24, 1949	Montreal (NHL)	0 0 0
COLLINS, Bill	6-0	178	Ottawa, Ont.	July 13, 1943	Voyageurs (AHL)	37 45 82
DELVECCHIO, Alex	6-0	195	Port William, Ont.	Dec. 4, 1931	Minnesota (NHL)	29 9 38
ECCLESTONE, Tim	5-10	180	Toronto, Ont.	Sept. 24, 1947	Detroit (NHL)	21 47 68
HOWE, Gordie	6-0	206	Florin, Sask.	Mar. 31, 1928	St. Louis (NHL)	16 21 37
KRULICKI, Jim	5-11	180	Kitchener, Ont.	Mar. 9, 1948	Detroit (NHL)	31 40 71
LECLERC, Renald	5-11	165	Ville-de-Valois, Que.	Nov. 12, 1947	Omaha (CHL)	9 19 28
LIBETT, Nick	6-0	180	Stratford, Ont.	Dec. 9, 1945	Buffalo (AHL)	0 0 0
LUCE, Don	6-2	178	London, Ont.	Oct. 2, 1948	Ft. Worth (CHL)	1 2 3
MILLER, Tom	6-0	187	Kitchener, Ont.	Mar. 31, 1947	Cleveland (AHL)	16 20 36
REDMOND, Mickey	5-11	185	Kirkland Lake, Ont.	Dec. 27, 1947	Detroit (NHL)	20 20 40
WEBSTER, Tom	5-10	175	Kirkland Lake, Ont.	Oct. 4, 1948	Omaha (CHL)	22 35 57
Defensemen					New York (NHL)	1 2 3
BERGMAN, Gary	5-11	185	Kenora, Ont.	Oct. 7, 1939	Omaha (CHL)	19 20 39
BROWN, Arnie	5-11	185	Oshawa, Ont.	Jan. 28, 1942	Detroit (NHL)	27 27 54
HARRIS, Ron	5-10	190	Verdun, Que.	June 30, 1942	Montreal (NHL)	0 1 1
HART, Gerry	5-9	180	Flin Flon, Man.	Jan. 1, 1948	Boston (NHL)	29 35 64
LAJEUNESSE, Serge	5-10	185	Montreal, Que.	June 11, 1950	Oklahoma City (CHL)	6 17 23
NIEKAMP, Jim	6-0	170	Detroit, Mich.	Mar. 11, 1946	Detroit (NHL)	15 21 36
ROBITAILLE, Mike	5-11	195	Midland, Ont.	Feb. 12, 1948	New York (NHL)	2 19 21
Goaltenders					Detroit (AHL)	2 27 29
EDWARDS, Roy	5-8	168	Caledonia, Ont.	Mar. 12, 1937	Cleveland (AHL)	6 16 22
GRAY, Gerry	6-0	165	Brantford, Ont.	Jan. 28, 1948	Montreal (OHA)	12 46 58
RUTHERFORD, Jim	5-8	150	Beeton, Ont.	Feb. 17, 1949	Ft. Worth (CHL)	GA SO AVG.
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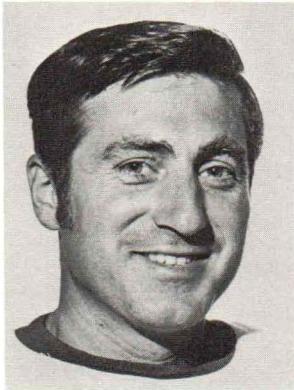
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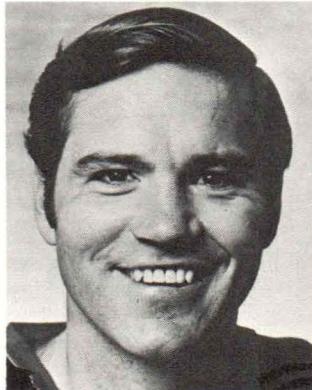


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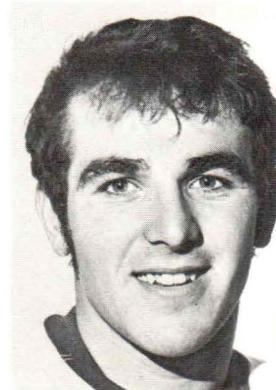
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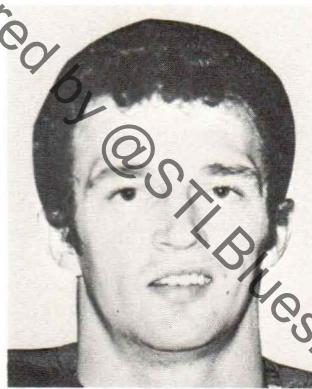
34 – LARRY BROWN – Defense



5 – SERGE LaJEUNESSE – Defense



8 – TOM WEBSTER – Right Wing



11 – DON LUCE – Center



14 – NICK LIBETT – Left Wing

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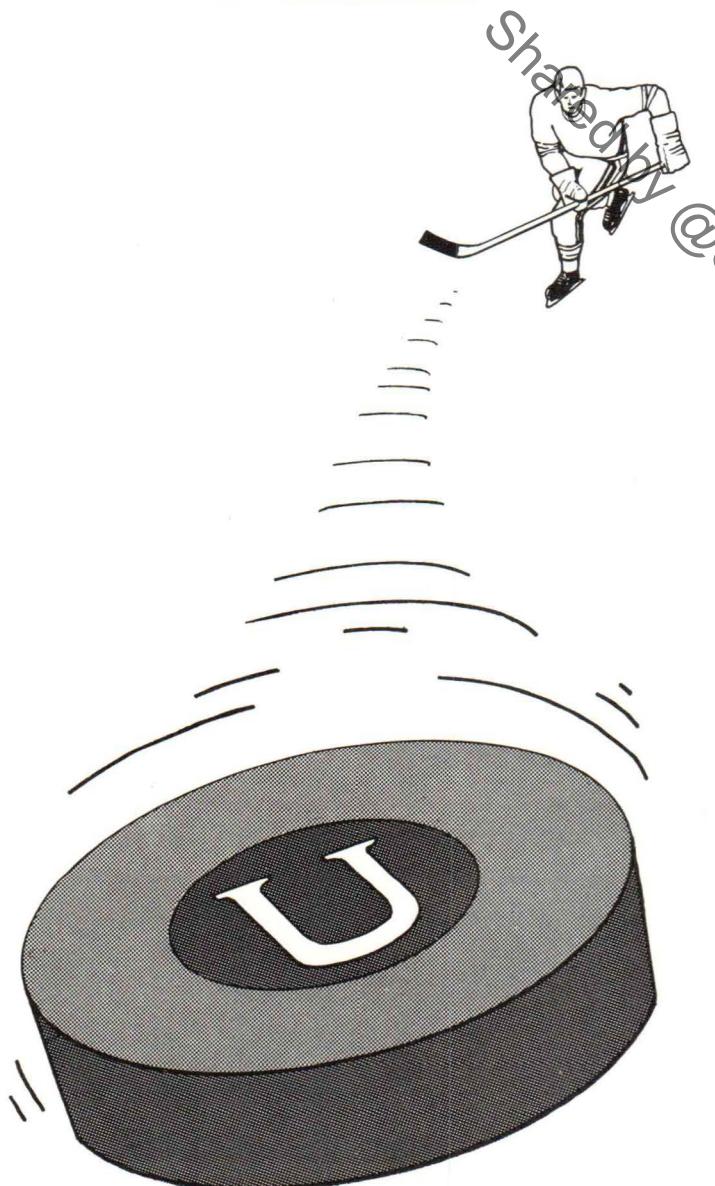
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**Alan Salomon**

Like many athletes who have reached the pinnacle of their careers, both in amateur and professional leagues, 25-year old Tommy Litz, World's Free Style Champion and top-billed star of Ice Capades, which will open Mar. 23 at the Arena, is beginning to wonder what he's going to do with the future.

Perhaps it's the seven year itch — or the need for a new challenge to meet — or the addition of a Mrs. Litz to his life, but the handsome, super-successful skater from Hershey, Pa. is exploring ideas of a new career to pursue once his days of skating are over.

"It's not that I dislike what I'm doing," explains Litz. "I love skating and performing and have security and confidence in what I do. I think I can be as successful in business, but I have to prove it to myself."

Litz began skating at the age of 12, which is considered "old" in the world of competitive skating. His dedication and discipline to the sport paid off and five years later, the soft spoken Litz was the U.S. Junior Men's Figure Skating Champion.

At 18, he won the National Senior Men's title with a rare standing ovation and an equally rare perfect score of six from one judge. At 19, he competed as a member of the U.S., Olympic and World Figure Skating team at Innsbruck, Austria, the homeland of his grandparents. He won the World's Free Style competition before turning professional and joining Ice Capades.

When it comes to free-skating, Tommy Litz rates as one of the finest in the business. In his seven years with Ice Capades he has been as dedicated to his performances as he was during competitions. He has mastered techniques and unusual maneuvers, such as the barrel roll, which few skaters are able to exhibit. Because of his daring routines and spectacular showmanship on the ice, Litz has become a favorite of Ice Capades audiences and has many loyal fans throughout the country.

Litz' personal life has been just as successful. Giving up his bachelor status in July of 1968, Litz married one of the Ice Capets, Glenda Brenner of Kansas City. He and his vivacious wife have several ideas for their future off the ice.

They would like to own some sort of business. The personable couple are considering a "His and Her" boutique shop — or even opening a few restaurants

featuring all the little extras which are so important to travelers. There is always a good possibility that the handsome Litz might follow in the footsteps of other sports figures and enter film and TV work.

Tommy Litz has reached an exciting point in his career of professional skating. In the years to come, he will establish new goals to conquer. Whatever the determined Litz decides upon for his future, there is no doubt that he will master the challenge and be successful.

Black Sabbath is a British quartet formed in January, 1969, under the name Earth, which was changed in December of that year. The group developed its musical identity through a rigorous itinerary spanning nearly all of Europe outside of England during seven months of 1969, a period in which the foursome won followings in Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, France and Switzerland. They remained relatively unknown in England until the release of their first album, "Black Sabbath," which promptly appeared in the Top 10 charts in England, Belgium, Sweden and Germany.

The group consists of John Osbourne, who sings and plays harmonica; Tony Iommi, who plays guitar and flute; bassist Geezer Butler, and Bill Ward, the drummer. All four come from Aston, the rough, downtown area of unfashionable Birmingham. Their music is tough and is an honest reflection of their background. Black Sabbath, along with J. Geils Band will appear at the Arena Annex tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

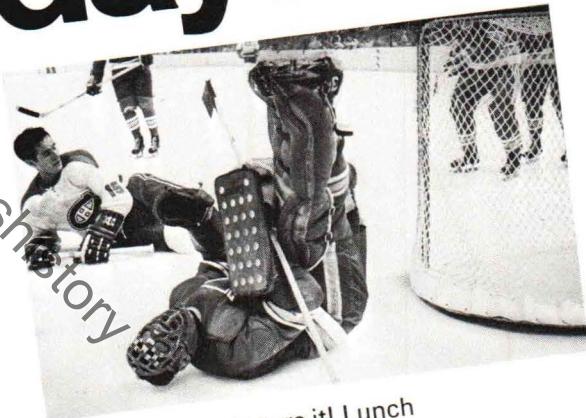


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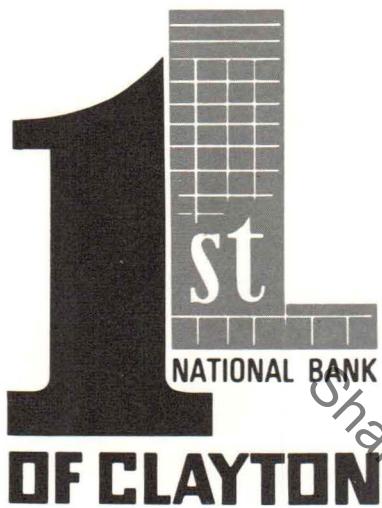
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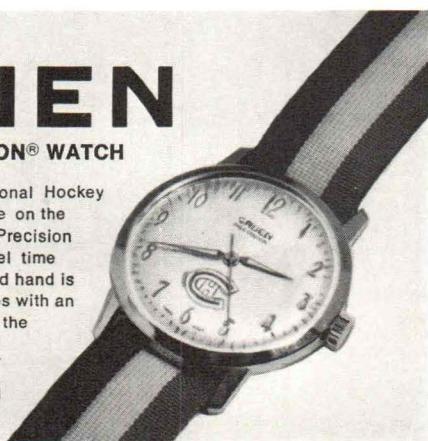


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# BARKLEY BUILDS IN HIS OWN IMAGE

BILL BRENNAN/Detroit News

If Doug Barkley wants to build the Detroit Red Wings in his own image, it's not egotism.

Young and tough himself, the 34-year-old coach wants his Red Wings the same way.

The Wings, in a series of trades launched by General Manager Ned Harkness, now have the youth. Barkley's job is to weld a tough team.

It's a rebuilding job that faces Barkley, who is the youngest coach in the National Hockey League. But rebuilding is nothing new to the tall former Red Wing defense star. He was forced to rebuild his own career when a hockey accident cost him the sight of his right eye in January, 1966.

Although the Red Wings have missed the playoffs this season for the fourth time in five years, there was little Barkley could do about it. When he arrived in Detroit it was already too late.

A front office upheaval led to the promotion of the young coach. Following his accident, Barkley served as an administrative assistant to General Manager Sid Abel for three years and then a year ago was named coach of the Wings' Central Hockey League farm club at Fort Worth. In his first season at Fort Worth he guided the club to a fourth-place playoff finish, but went down to defeat in the first series.

He was again at Fort Worth as coach at the beginning of the current season while Harkness, who had a successful Ivy League career as coach at Cornell University, was behind the bench for the Red Wings. Harkness had been hired away from Cornell by team owner Bruce Norris and Red Wing executive director Jim Bishop last April.

The Wings, third-place finishers in the East Division just four points out of first place last season, stumbled from the start under Harkness.

The front office was in turmoil and hardrock center Pete Stemkowski was traded to the New York Rangers for rookies Larry Brown and Don Luce. Veteran defenseman Bob Baun was released on waivers and finally arrived with the Toronto Maple Leafs after passing through Buffalo and St. Louis.

Finally in early January, Abel had had enough. He severed 30 years service with the Red Wings as player, coach and general manager by resigning as GM. That was on Jan. 6. Two days later Harkness was promoted from coach to general manager and Barkley was brought up from Fort Worth. He had the title of interim coach for one game—a 3-2 victory over Buffalo—and then Norris gave him the coaching job on a permanent basis.

Barkley's arrival had a soothing effect on the troubled Red Wings. He restored order on the confused bench and the Wings who had been yielding goals by the ton, tightened up defensively.

And on occasions, the Wings played it tough. In a game with the Van-

couver Canucks at Olympia in late January, the Wings staged a third period brawl that brought 124 minutes in penalties. It was the first time in years that the Wings had emptied their bench in a brawl and Barkley was delighted.

But while the Wings were playing it tougher, Harkness was launching what he described as a three-year rebuilding program. Like a jet-powered broom, the new general manager was cleaning house with wholesale trades.

Frank Mahovlich, a 400-goal scorer, was the first to go. He was traded to the Montreal Canadiens and the Wings, in return, obtained three players—Bill Collins, Mickey Redmond and Guy Charron.

Then Bruce MacGregor, another Detroit veteran, was peddled to the defensemen Arnie Brown and Mike Robitaille and rookie left winger Tom Miller.

The dust from this trade had hardly settled when Harkness stunned everyone by trading young Garry Unger, a 42-goal scorer the

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Doug Barkley



Ned Harkness

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## FROM MONTREAL

John Robertson

You look at the NHL standings and you see where the East Division has won 121 games against the West Division and lost 90 — and your first inclination might be to say that parity is closer than it has ever been.

But this is true only in the sense that the transfer of Chicago to the West and the insertion of Vancouver and Buffalo in the East, has indeed given the West a veneer of respectability.

Now let's go back to the original

concept of parity — which was the degree of improvement the six new clubs who entered the league in 1967, were to show as the ability gap slowly narrowed between them and the original six.

To do this accurately, you have to compare the respective records as applied to last year's two-division setup, which means that Chicago would be aligned with the other five original established clubs, and the other six West Division teams circa 1967, would be on the

other side of the ledger. The records thus would not be included.

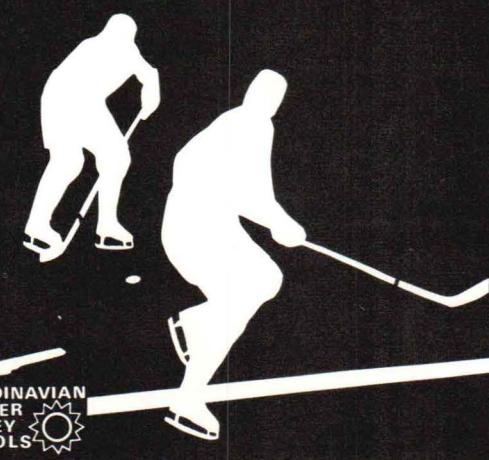
In 1967-68, the first year of expansion, the six new clubs won 40 interlocking games, lost 86 and tied 18, for a 34.03 percentage. In 1968-69, playing 216 games against the East, the new clubs won 51, lost 129 and tied 36 for 31.94 percentage. Last year, the parity gap widened still further, with the West winning only 41, losing 133 and tying 42, for a 28.70 percentage.

of Vancouver and Buffalo this year

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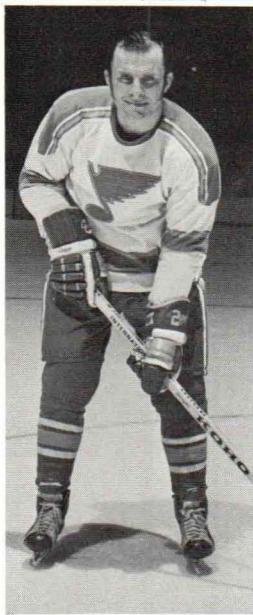
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### ST. LOUIS BLUES

No.	Player	Pos.	GP	GA	SO	Avg.
1	GLENN HALL*	G	30	66	2	2.38
31	ERNIE WAKELY**	G	45	120	3	2.83
	*1 assist					
	**2 assists					
2	CARL BREWER	D	1	5	6	23
3	AL ARBOUR (Capt.)	D	0	2	2	6
4	NOEL PICARD	D	2	6	8	95
5	BOB PLAGER	D	1	15	16	83
6	JIM ROBERTS	D	10	15	25	77
7	GARRY UNGER	C	23	25	48	92
8	BARCLAY PLAGER	D	4	20	24	152
9	FRANK ST. MARSEILLE	C/RW	16	27	43	26
10	GEORGE MORRISON	LW	14	9	23	6
12	TERRY CRISP	C	4	11	15	15
14	WAYNE CONNELLY	RW	12	25	37	21
15	BILL MC CREAMY	LW	9	10	19	16
16	CRAIG CAMERON	RW	14	6	20	30
17	JOHN ARBOUR	D	1	6	7	72
18	BRIT SELBY	LW	1	4	5	21
19	JIM LORENTZ	C/LW	17	17	34	34
21	CHRIS BORDELEAU	C	17	29	46	46
22	BILL SUTHERLAND	LW	16	18	34	41
23	BOB PLAGER	D	0	3	3	41
26	FRAN HUCK	C	8	6	14	16

### DETROIT RED WINGS

No.	Player	Pos.	GP	GA	SO	Avg.
1	JIM RUTHERFORD	G	24	77	1	3.85
30	ROY EDWARDS*	G	37	119	0	3.39
	GERRY GRAY	G	4	16	0	4.80
	*2 penalty minutes					
2	GARY BERGMAN	D	8	22	30	127
3	JIM NIEKAMP	D	0	1	1	8
4	ARNIE BROWN	D	4	18	22	46
5	SERGE LAJUNESSE	D	1	2	3	40
7	RED BERENSON	C	19	38	57	12
8	TOM WEBSTER	RW	27	34	61	34
9	GORDIE HOWE	RW	22	27	49	32
10	ALEX DELVECCHIO	(Capt.)	18	34	52	6
11	DON LUCE	C	3	11	14	16
12	TOM MILLER	C	0	5	5	9
14	NICK LIBETT	LW	16	13	29	25
15	RENALD LECLERC	RW	8	7	15	25
16	RON HARRIS	D	2	8	10	65
17	TIM ECCLESTONE	RW	17	32	49	43
18	GERRY HART	D	2	7	9	131
19	JIM KRULICKI	C	0	3	3	6
20	MICKEY REDMOND	RW	19	23	42	37
21	MIKE ROBITAILLE	D	5	6	11	27
22	BILL COLLINS	RW	11	18	29	45
23	GUY CHARRON	LW	10	5	15	6



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So we had a situation, going into this season, whereby the six newer clubs had been able to win only one more game, 42, than they did two seasons prior, while losing 47 more times.

Obviously drastic action was needed, so the NHL governors decided to move Chicago West and put Vancouver and Buffalo in the East, to see if that wouldn't even things up.

But the burning question still is: What about the other six West Division teams? Are they any closer at all, in their fourth year of operation, to the old established six, than they were in 1967-68.

The answer is: No. The parity gap is worse than it was in that first year. The six (circa 1967) clubs had won only 41 of these interlocking games while losing 114 and tying 31. In the first season, as mentioned, the same six won 40 and lost only 86, while tying 18. And this, despite the fact that Detroit has deteriorated beyond the level of every one of the six except California.

To give you a more specific idea of what those six West Division clubs have been up against in games versus the upper echelon, to date this year Boston is 27-4-3, New York is 22-6-6, Montreal is 20-6-7 and Chicago is 20-8-4. This should give you a pretty good idea why fans in the aforementioned cities can't get too excited when any of the six, except St. Louis, come into town.

The next question you ask yourself is, how is the parity gap going to narrow further?

Certainly not through the existing amateur draft setup. The "have-nots" are in pretty grim shape as far as future draft choices are concerned.

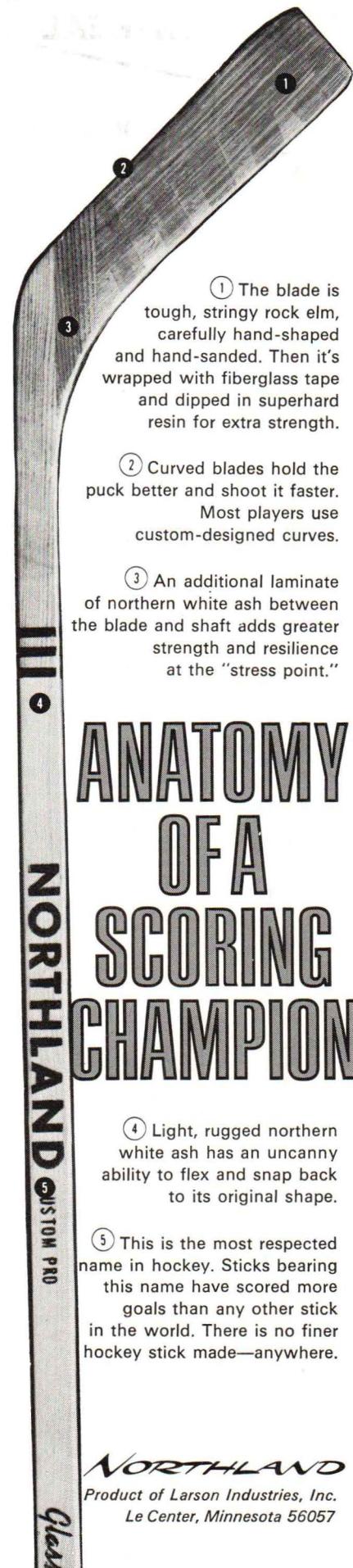
The Canadiens have a total of 10 first round draft choices over the next three years. The six western clubs we speak of today have only nine first-round choices between them during that same span—and St. Louis has four of these. The real tragedy is that the three worst teams in the West have the least to look forward to. Pittsburgh has only one top draft choice in the next three years and Los Angeles and California—the teams Clarence Campbell is mostly concerned about now—have none.

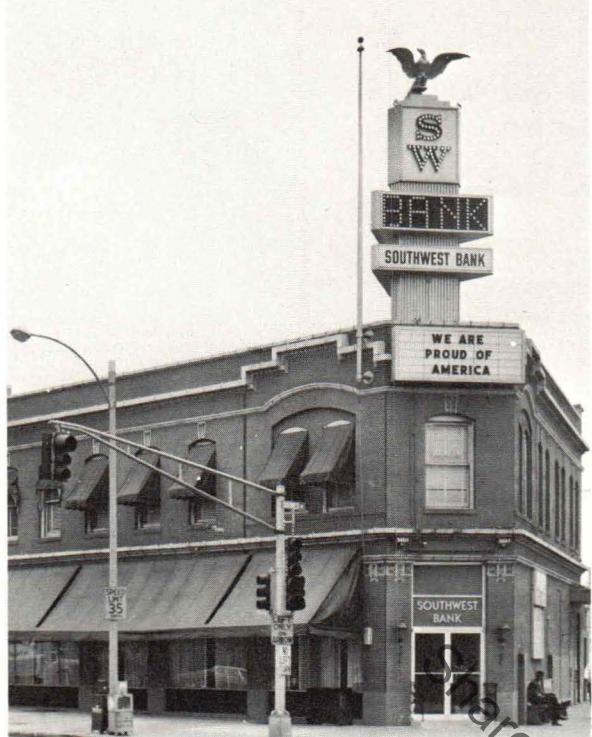
To make matters a little more dicey, Buffalo and Vancouver have all of theirs intact—and thus stand to gain ground in the area of acquiring new prospects.

Boston, at the top of the heap, has five top choices in the next three years. And the other East Division clubs, plus Chicago, have all theirs intact.

So unless someone in high places has mercy on them, Los Angeles and California won't get a crack at a top-ranked prospect until 1974. Since there is no way you can make past deals retroactive, the only thing the league can do is live with it.

The moving of Chicago to the West Division, which they lead by a country mile, didn't really help anyone. As a matter of fact it detracted considerably from the East Division race. As things stand now, the four East playoff positions were all but decided by the half-way mark in the schedule. But with Chicago in the East, Montreal would now be trying to ward off Toronto in the battle for the fourth and last playoff slot. Meanwhile, back in the old West Division, the record shows that collectively the 1967 expansion teams are worse off than they were in their first year of operation.





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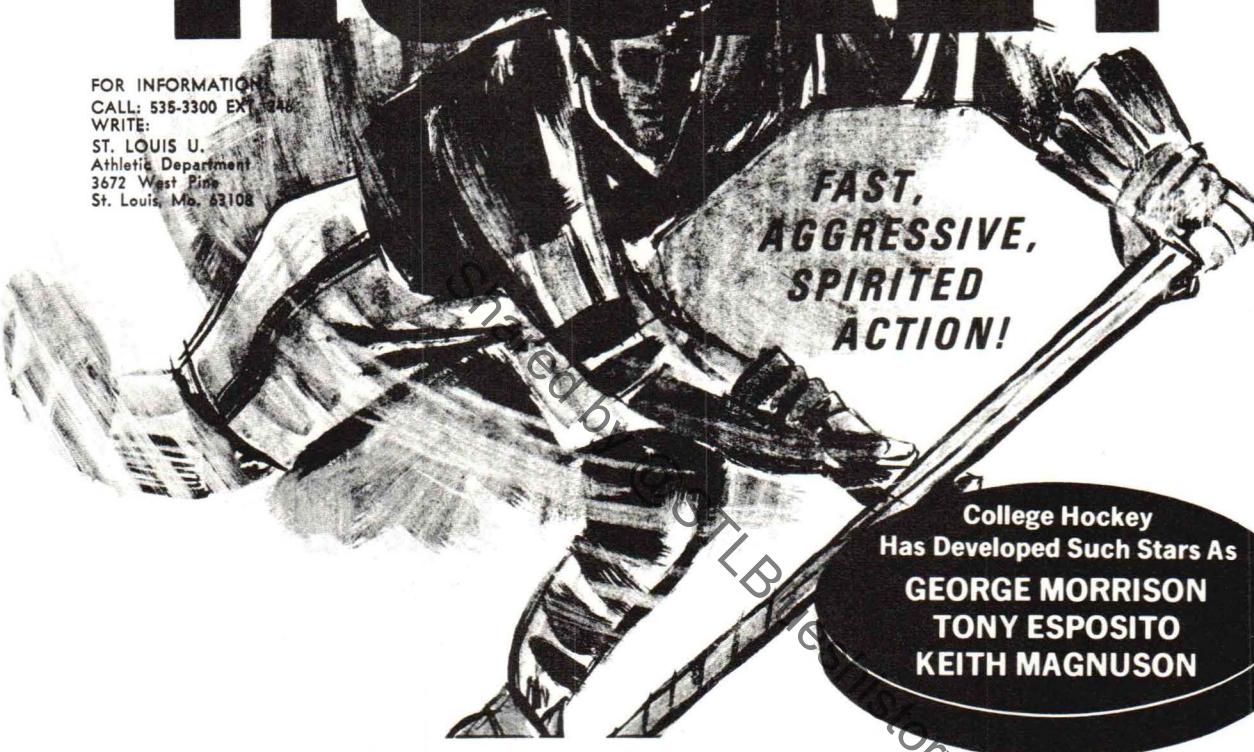
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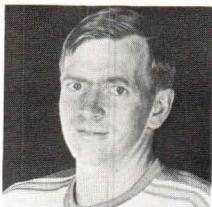
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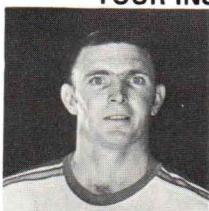
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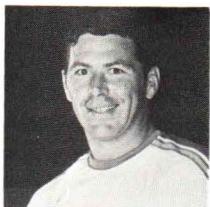
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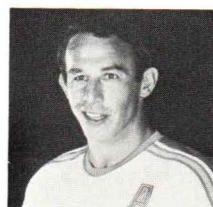
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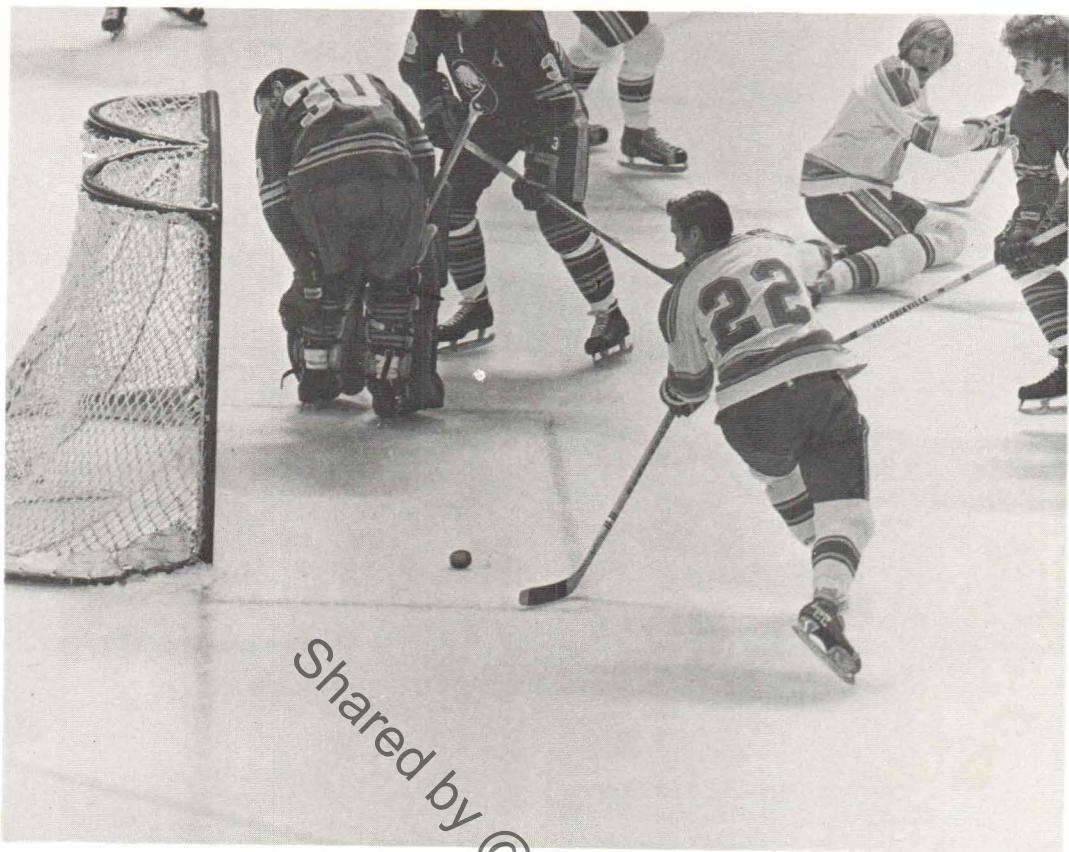
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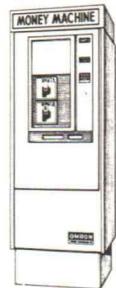
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previous season, to the St. Louis Blues along with Wayne Connelly for Red Berenson and Tim Ecclestone.

This trade was followed with another New York deal. This time

now," said Barkley, who concedes that the Wings are in the position where they are now running a training camp.

"We must find out before the June meetings what we have," he explained.

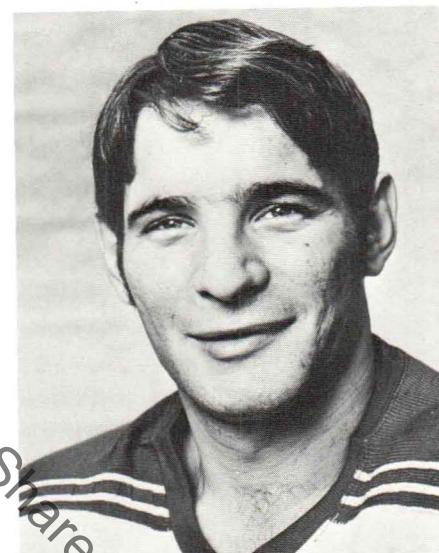


Bruce MacGregor  
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veteran defenseman Dale Rolfe went to the Rangers for rookie Jim Krulicki. Also at this time Carl Brewer, the All-Star defenseman who had retired on the Wings just prior to the start of the season, agreed to go with the Blues. The Wings, reportedly due to get two players from St. Louis, are still awaiting payment on this transaction.

This mass movement of players plus a parade of injuries did not make Barkley's job any easier and while the Wings were playing a more exciting brand of hockey, they have not been winning.

"It's next year we are looking to



Mike Robitaille

Barkley promises one thing next season.

"There will be competition for jobs," he said. "That was the problem with this year's team. It was cut and dried at training camp. There was no competition for jobs."

Looking to his fall's training camp, Barkley's interest naturally centers on defense, an area that has been weak with this season's edition of the Wings.

"There are probably only two jobs nailed down on defense for next year's team," he said. "That's by (Garry) Bergman and Brown. All other jobs are open...even up front."

Berkley knows what it is like to fight for a job himself. He was lost in the minor league system of the Chicago Black Hawks until Abel rescued him prior to the start of the 1961-62 season by trading John McKenzie (now with the Boston Bruins) and Len Lunde to the Black Hawks.

In his rookie year with the Wings, Barkley almost won the Calder Trophy. He missed out by two tenths of a point in the closest race in the history for the Calder, which goes to the league's top rookie. Kent Douglas, then with the Toronto Maple Leafs, won it and it was the first time a defenseman had ever taken the Calder.

Barkley, with a heavy slap shot and a talent for hard checks, was emerging as an All-Star when his career ended abruptly on Jan. 30, 1966 in a game with the Chicago Black Hawks at Olympia. The stick of Doug Mohns accidentally hit him in the eye, costing him the vision and his career.

"I was bitter for awhile," Barkley admits. "When I started to scout for Sid after the accident, I would watch the games and think to myself, 'I'm better than that guy...or I can do things better than that defenseman.'

"Later, in training camp, I found they were growing bigger and stronger and 'Hey, maybe things have changed.' Now I don't think about my accident."

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## JIM LORENTZ

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shape because I thought I could play at a heavier weight this year," Lorentz said. "But now I've lost about 15 pounds and I'm feeling a lot better.

"And learning to concentrate on defense was something new for me. In Boston nobody kept plus-and-minus charts on how many goals you scored compared to how many you allowed. The whole thing was offense."

Shifting to left wing has been difficult for Lorentz, who says he doesn't have enough ability to make such a change without problems.

"I'm not a quick starter and on the wing you often get the puck when you're standing still," he explained. "At center you're always moving, chasing the puck."

"I don't have enough ability that I can get by without working hard all the time. But you can make amends for a lack of ability and get the job done through hard work."

Jim especially likes to get the job done against his former Boston teammates.

"I think it's only natural to bear down a little harder against the team that traded you," Lorentz said. "You want to show them that maybe they made a mistake in letting you go."

But winning against Boston is not his only goal. He wants to win every game.

"From the day you report to training camp, you have to work toward winning the Stanley Cup," Jim said. "That's what the whole season is about."

Lorentz is certain his biggest hockey thrill will be playing a major role in bringing the Stanley Cup to St. Louis. So far his biggest thrills have been last year's championship season at Boston and a goal he scored for Oklahoma City in a big Central Hockey League play-off game two years ago.

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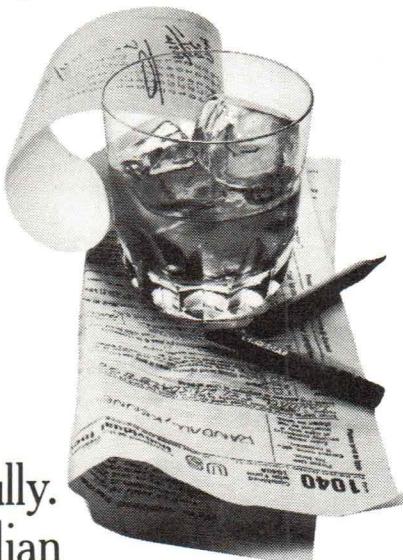
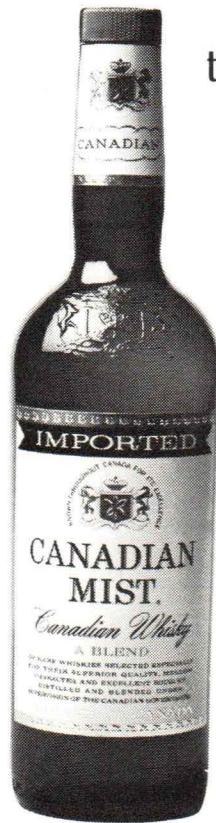


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<b>Forward</b>								
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CAMERON, Craig	6-0	200	Edmonton, Alta.	July 19, 1945	Baltimore (AHL)	10	18	28
CONNELLY, Wayne	5-10	170	Brown, Que.	Dec. 16, 1939	Detroit (NHL)	23	36	59
HUCK, Fran	5-7	165	Regina, Sask.	Dec. 4, 1945	Hockey Canada (HCL)	21	15	36
LORENTZ, Jim	5-11	170	Waterloo, Ont.	May 1, 1947	Boston (NHL)	7	16	23
McCREARY, Bill	5-10	172	Sundridge, Ont.	Dec. 1, 1934	St. Louis (NHL)	15	17	32
McDONALD, Ab	6-2	194	Winnipeg, Man.	Feb. 18, 1936	St. Louis (NHL)	25	30	55
MORRISON, George	6-1	175	Toronto, Ont.	Dec. 24, 1948	U. of Denver			
SABOURIN, Gary	5-10	175	Parry Sound, Ont.	Dec. 4, 1943	St. Louis (NHL)	28	14	42
ST. MARSEILLE, Frank	5-10	180	Levak, Ont.	Dec. 14, 1939	St. Louis (NHL)	16	43	59
SELBY, Brit	5-10	175	Kingston, Ont.	March 27, 1945	Toronto (NHL)	10	13	23
SUTHERLAND, Bill	5-10	176	Regina, Sask.	Nov. 10, 1934	Philadelphia (NHL)	15	17	32
UNGER, Gary	5-11	170	Edmonton, Alta.	Dec. 7, 1947	Detroit (NHL)	42	24	66
<b>Defensemen</b>								
ARBOUR, Al	6-1	180	Sudbury, Ont.	Nov. 1, 1932	St. Louis (NHL)	0	3	3
ARBOUR, John	5-11	195	Niagara Falls, Ont.	Sept. 28, 1945	Vancouver	7	28	35
BREWER, Carl	5-10	180	Toronto, Ont.	Oct. 22, 1938	Detroit (NHL)	2	37	39
PICARD, Noel	6-3	212	Montreal, Que.	Dec. 26, 1938	St. Louis (NHL)	1	4	5
PLAGER, Barclay	5-10	175	Kirkland Lake, Ont.	Mar. 26, 1941	St. Louis (NHL)	6	26	32
PLAGER, Bill	5-9	175	Kirkland Lake, Ont.	July 6, 1945	Buffalo (AHL)	2	28	30
PLAGER, Bob	5-11	185	Kirkland Lake, Ont.	Mar. 11, 1943	St. Louis (NHL)	3	11	14
ROBERTS, Jim	5-10	185	Toronto, Ont.	April 9, 1940	St. Louis (NHL)	13	17	30
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HALL, Glenn	5-11	180	Humboldt, Sask.	Oct. 3, 1931	St. Louis (NHL)	49	1	2.91
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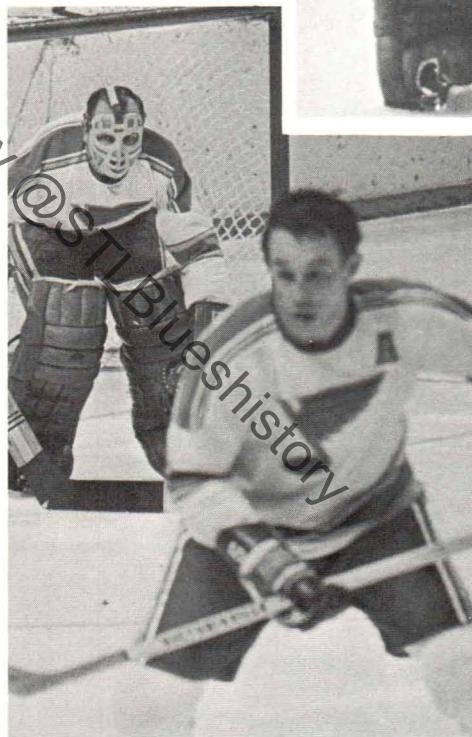
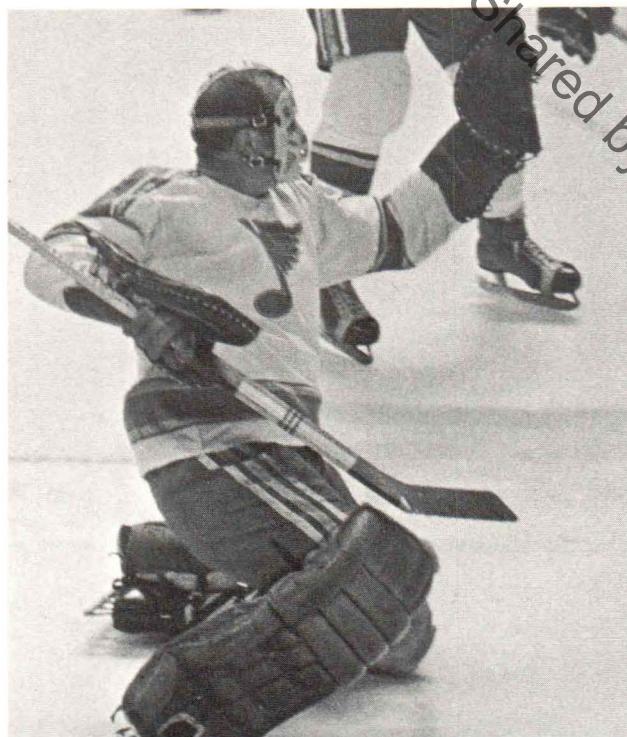
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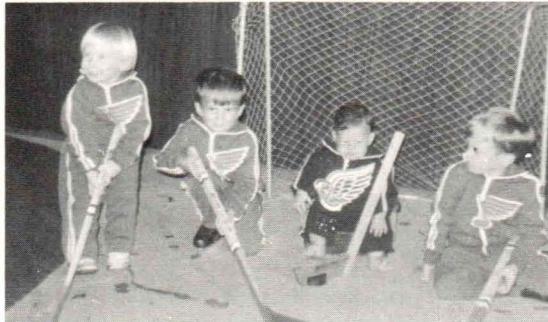
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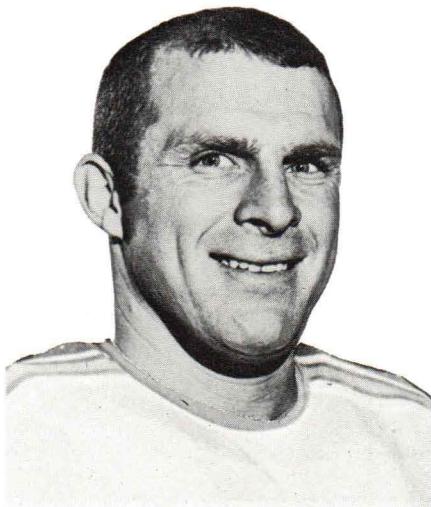
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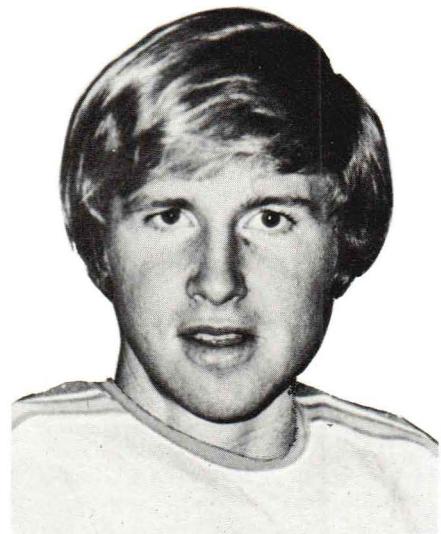
NHL	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
TOTALS	524	21	169	190	968



WAYNE CONNELLY

**Forward** **Shoots right**  
Acquired by St. Louis from Detroit in exchange for Red Berenson and Tim Ecclestone, February 2, 1971.

NHL	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
TOTALS	396	101	120	221	121



GARRY UNGER

**FORWARD** GARRY UNGER Shoots left  
Acquired by St. Louis from Detroit in exchange for Red Berenson and Tim Ecclestone, February 6, 1971.

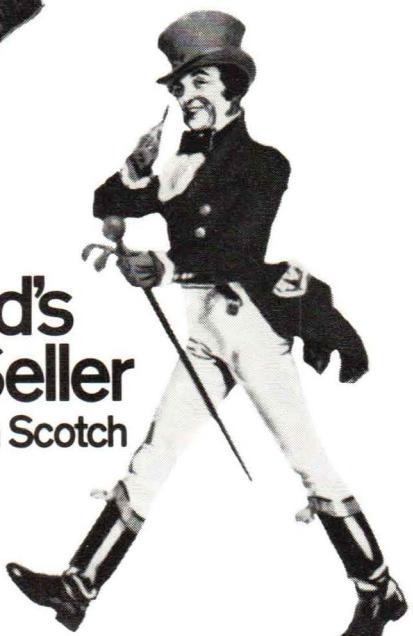
NHL	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
<b>TOTALS</b>	180	72	55	127	106

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## WHEN A TEAM IS A TEAM

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The Blues this season are in precisely that situation. John Arbour, Bill Sutherland, Brit Selby, Jim Lorentz, George Morrison and Christian Bordeleau are new to the team this season, and Arbour, Sutherland and Selby came after the current season began. Craig Cameron has rejoined the team anew after a stint with the Pittsburgh Penguins, and Bill Plager is playing his first full season with the Blues. No other team in the NHL has changed so much since last season.

Has the team suffered from this influx of new players? And what is the thinking of veteran players on the effects of these changes on their team?

With the unusually large number of new players the Blues could have been expected to be considerably worse than last season. The facts are that they are better, have been playing at a better pace in the first season of a balanced interdivisional schedule and are still far ahead of all the other expansion teams.

Red Berenson, the Blues' captain who has worn a St. Louis uniform since the early days of expansion, says, "I think we've done pretty well in fitting together this season. It's a matter of getting used to someone's style of play, but it shouldn't take a lot of time."

"It seems that everybody with the Blues has played on a half-dozen hockey teams," Berenson said. "The first two years we must have gone through 30 players."

Noel Picard, one of the four St. Louis players who was chosen by the Blues in the first expansion draft, says, "Knowing a player takes a while; some guys fit, and some guys don't."

Gary Sabourin, who has also been with the Blues since the first game of their existence, says, "This adjustment might be a greater problem for a guy like Jim Lorentz, who came from Boston, which stresses its offense, but he has adjusted quickly. Anybody traded to the Blues knows that he will have to stress defense, and he has to do it."

Al Arbour, the man responsible for meshing the Blues, old and new, into an efficient team, acknowledges the problem but thinks that his players have "blended real well."

Arbour said, "Sometimes two players just can't play together. They might be the two best players on your team but they can't get used to playing with each other."

Arbour also mentioned another dimension, the adjustment of players' personalities.

"It's an adjustment on both sides, the old players and the new players," he said. "They don't know each other and, when a guy says something, he doesn't know whether the other fellow is going to be offended by it or not. We have four or five real good needlers on our team, and we need them."

The Blues probably won't experience another turnover like the current one for many more years. Since they have survived this one, they can go on to other challenges.

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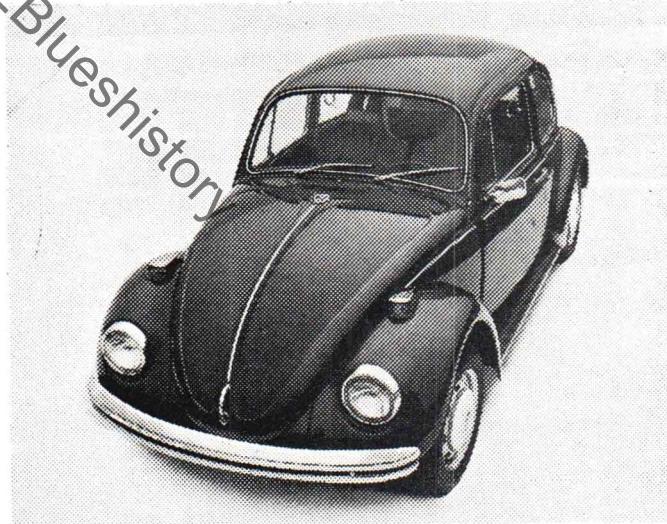
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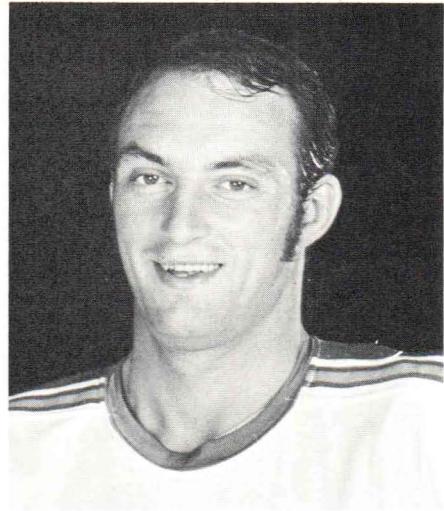
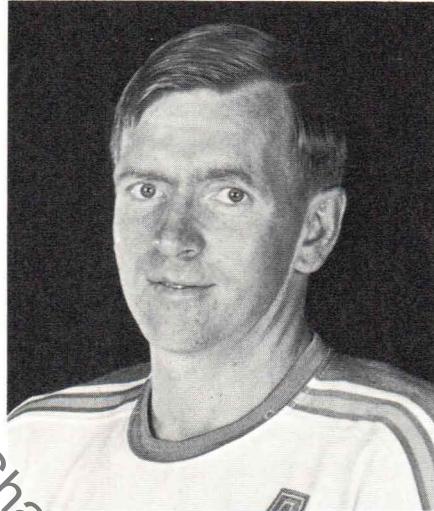
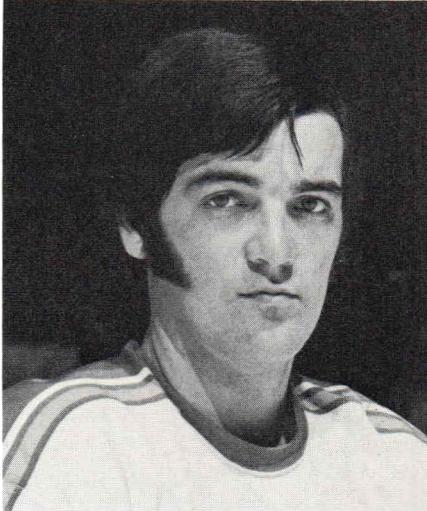
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**JOHN ARBOUR**

Defense

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NHL	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
TOTALS	23	0	3	3	46

**RED BERENSON**

Forward

Shoots left

Traded by New York with Barclay Plager to St. Louis for Ron Stewart and Ron Attwell, November 29, 1966.

NHL	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
TOTALS	383	106	144	250	150

**CHRISTIAN BORDELEAU**

Forward

Shoots Left

Purchased by St. Louis from Montreal, May 23, 1970.

NHL	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
TOTALS	61	3	16	19	22

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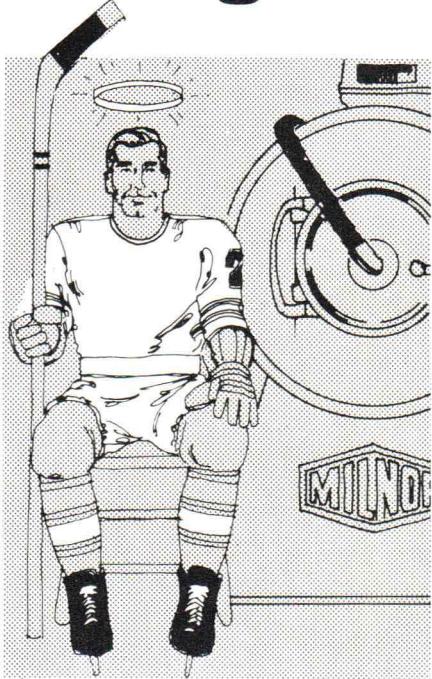
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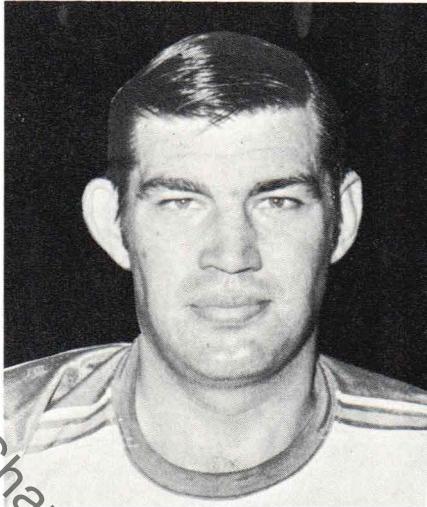
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**CRAIG CAMERON**

Forward

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Traded to St. Louis by Buffalo in exchange for Ron Anderson, October 2, 1970.

NHL	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
TOTALS	105	18	7	25	48



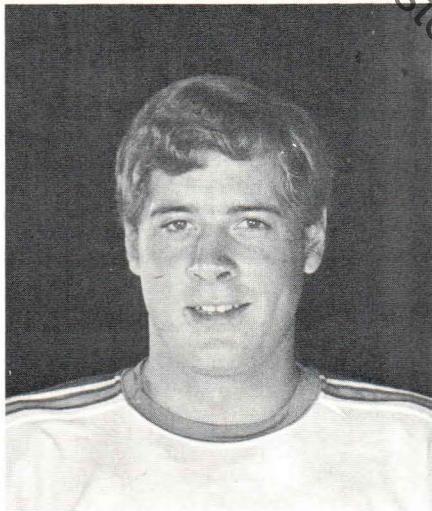
**TERRY CRISP**

Forward

Shoots left

Drafted by St. Louis from Boston in Expansion Draft, June 6, 1967.

NHL	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
TOTALS	159	20	35	55	26



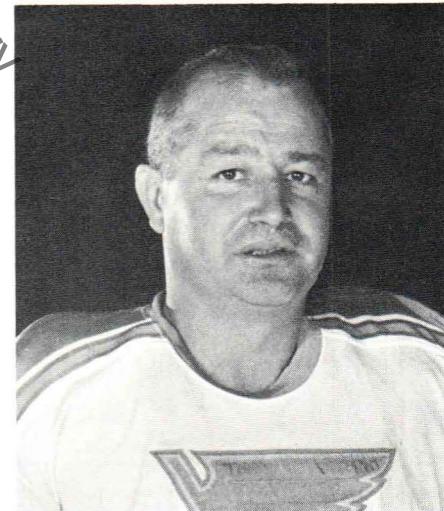
**TIM ECCLESTONE**

Forward

Shoots right

Traded to St. Louis by New York with Gary Sabourin, Bob Plager and Gord Kannegiesser in exchange for Rod Seiling, June 6, 1967.

NHL	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
TOTALS	147	26	28	54	64



**GLENN HALL**

Goaltender

Shoots left

Drafted by St. Louis from Chicago in expansion draft, June 6, 1967.

NHL	GP	GA	SO	GAPG
TOTALS	863½	2168	82	2.46



"WASH OUT"

Both arms swung laterally across the body with palms down.

- When used by the Referee it means goal disallowed.
- When used by the linesman it means there is no icing or no off-side.



TRIPPING

Extending right leg forward, clear of the ice, and striking it with right hand below the knee.



MISCONDUCT

Placing of both hands on hips several times and pointing to penalized player.



HOOKING

A series of tugging motions with both arms as if pulling something toward the stomach.



ICING

Arms folded across the chest.



SLOW WHISTLE

Either arm, in which whistle is held, extended above head. If play returns to Neutral Zone without stoppage, arm is drawn down the instant puck crosses the line.



ELBOWING

Tapping either elbow with the opposite hand.



INTERFERENCE

Crossed arms stationary in front of chest.



CROSS-CHECKING  
A series of forward and backward motions with both fists clenched extending from the chest.



DELAYED CALLING OF PENALTY  
Referee repeatedly points, with free hand (without whistle) to player to be penalized until play is stopped.

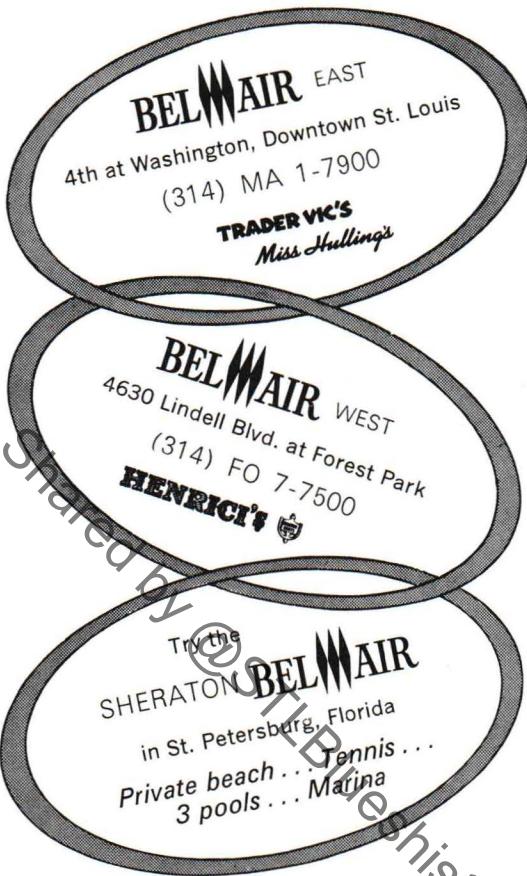
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SLASHING

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HOLDING

Clasping either wrist with the other hand well in front of chest.



CHARGING

Rotating clenched fists around one another in front of chest.



HIGH-STICKING  
Holding both fists, clenched, one immediately above the other, at the height of the forehead.

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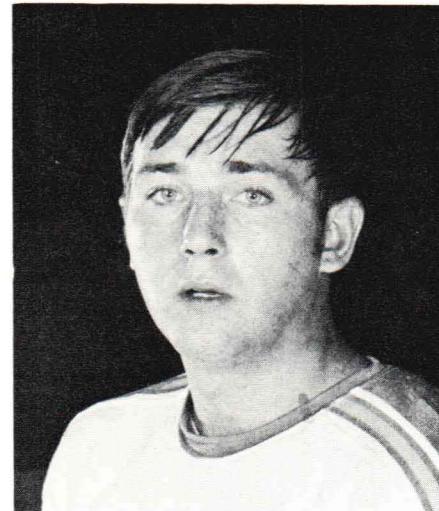
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**FRAN HUCK**

**Center** Shoots Right  
Acquired from Montreal in exchange for  
No. 2 draft choice January 28, 1971.

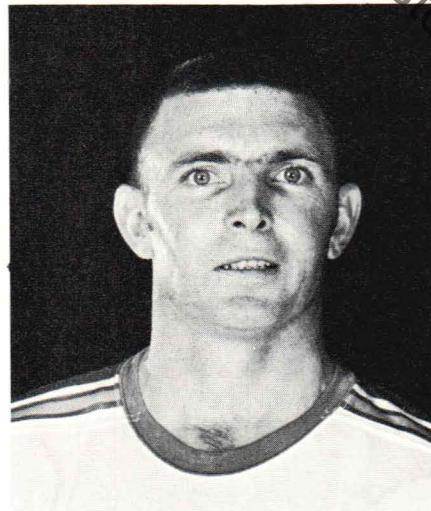
NHL	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
TOTALS	6	1	2	3	0



**JIM LORENTZ**

**Forward** Shoots left  
Traded to St. Louis by Boston in exchange  
for first round amateur draft pick in 1970,  
May 26, 1970.

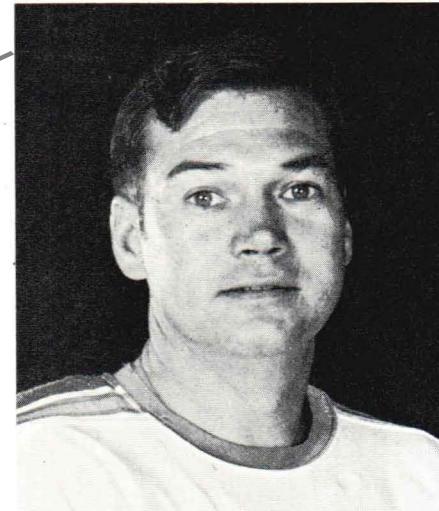
NHL	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
TOTALS	79	8	19	27	36



**BILL MC CREAMY**

**Forward** Shoots left  
Traded to St. Louis by Montreal in exchange  
for Claude Cardin and Phil Obendorf, June  
14, 1967.

NHL	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
TOTALS	241	44	52	96	92



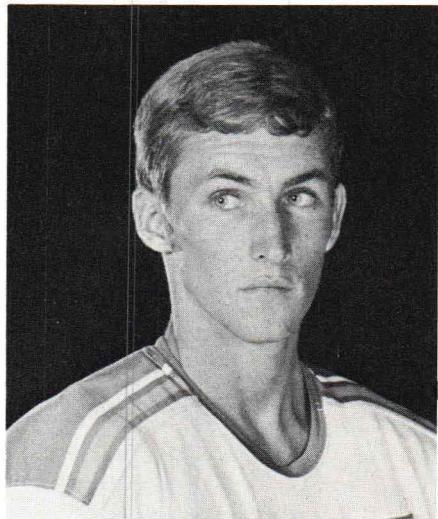
**AB MC DONALD**

**Forward** Shoots left  
Traded to St. Louis by Pittsburgh in exchange  
for Lou Angotti, June 11, 1968.

NHL	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
TOTALS	723	180	240	240	194



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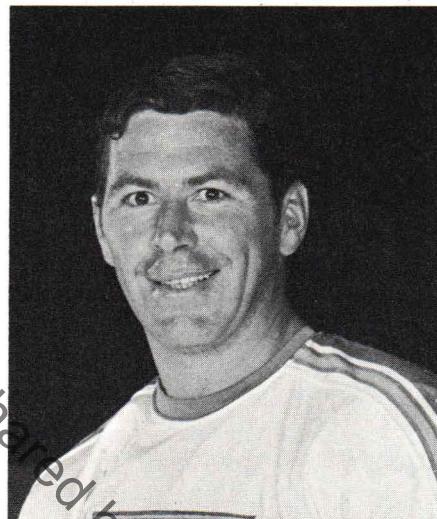
**GEORGE MORRISON**

Forward

Shoots left

Property of BLUES through negotiation list while playing at Denver U., January, 1969.

NHL	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0



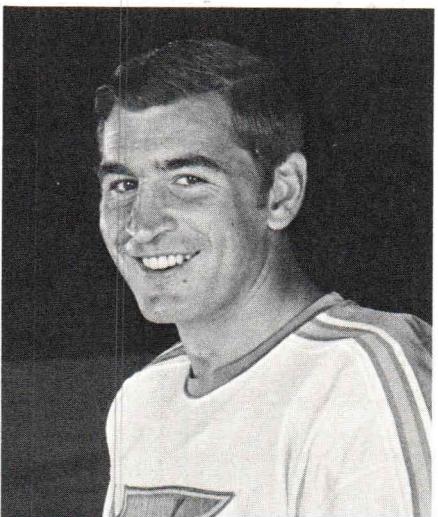
**NOEL PICARD**

Defense

Shoots right

Drafted by St. Louis from Montreal in Expansion Draft, June 6, 1967.

NHL	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
TOTALS	188	7	40	47	394



**BARCLAY PLAGER**

Defense

Shoots left

Traded to St. Louis by New York with Gordon Berenson in exchange for Ron Stewart and Ron Attwell, November 29, 1967.

NHL	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
TOTALS	185	15	67	82	401



**BILL PLAGER**

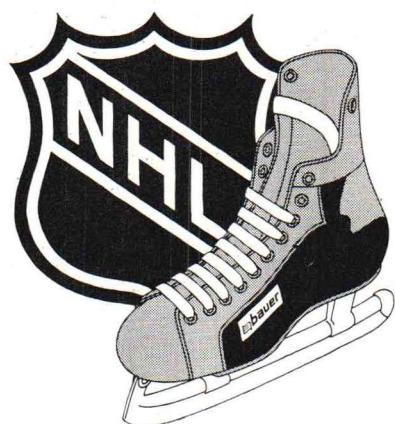
Defense

Shoots right

Acquired by St. Louis from New York with Camille Henry and Robbie Irons in exchange for Wayne Rivers and Don Caley, June 1968.

NHL	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
TOTALS	55	1	6	7	19

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# Draft Choices Are Keys to the Future

BY LARRY WIGGE / The Sporting News

The universal amateur draft held each June is a simple matter of economics. If you finish last, you get the right to pick a top young talent like Gilbert Perreault or Dale Tallon. But, how can a new franchise afford to finish behind all its competitors, flirting with the cellar spot all season? It doesn't qualify for post-season play, so there's no playoff income, and your attendance normally cannot support the lack of a good product on the ice.

The two new clubs — the Buffalo Sabres and the Vancouver Canucks — received the above-named young stars as bonus selections, but because of the way National Hockey League play has captured the hemisphere, these two expansion franchises, swept up in the explosion, are playing to crowd totals unheard of at the formation of the West Division in 1967-68. Thus, Vancouver and Buffalo are in a



George Morrison of the Blues  
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good position to wait for those good clubs to develop without losing money at the gate.

"We look back to the National

Hockey growth in 1967-68 and see that most of those expansion clubs couldn't wait, and had to have instant success to stand firm financially," explained Scotty Bowman, General Manager of the Blues. "The playoff money was almost a must, and that product on the ice each night had to be attractive enough to gather a group of hard core spectators that would support the club and promote it to friends as well."

That "instant success" came at an expensive price for some of the clubs. The market price set forth by the East Division clubs normally included one or more draft choices, and then the talent obtained wasn't always as expected. Some of those infant clubs bartered their draft selections away for years to come.

"When you trade a top choice far in advance; you are betting the other club that you can finish so much higher than before, and by that token the worth of the choice traded away isn't as valuable as it had previously been," added Bowman.

Each year there are three or four players available in the draft with the potential to be on future All-Star squads.

"There is no question that the best gamble at finding a player with the talents of a Bobby Orr is through the draft. If you have that opportunity, you choose him without hesitation, then just wait until he develops the way you know he will. A club is certainly not going to trade a super star to you. You have to find the potential in one of your young players, and just be patient," suggested the Blues former coach.

The sage-like Bowman spends quite a large amount of his time looking at this youngster or that one. His office contains scouting information on practically every young skater from here to the

Himalayas. Scotty and his associates take a deep look at all the prospects and then compare the many reports.

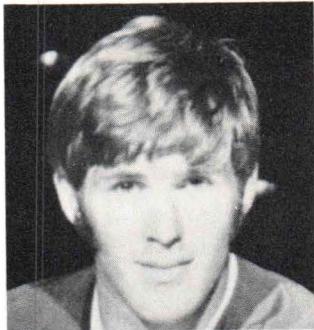


Dale Tallon of Vancouver  
was the Canucks' No. 1 pick  
last year.

"It's so difficult and unusual to assess the actual performance of these kids because they don't play out of their own leagues. You cannot tell whether a scorer would be able to compile such a record against another grade of competition.

"Take your college football and basketball players prior to the pro drafts. At some time on their schedule all the candidates have played a like opponent, and from this you can normally judge what way he would perform in a suggested sequence as compared to the other youngsters in question."

The transplanted Montreal genius admits that the Blues haven't been as concerned about these choices in the past because success was achieved early in the St. Louis organization. "We have traded a



Guy Lafleur, Jocelyn Gervremont and Richard Martin all first rate amateurs who should go high in this year's draft.

number of our top picks, but not until we calculated just what kind of player we might be getting. Consider last year, we accepted the fact that our first round selection wouldn't be measured in the same category as Jim Lorentz, so we made the deal with Boston."

"In the past drafts we were still taking players when most of the others had dropped out, and a large number of these youngsters are still in college. This builds a foundation for our future clubs also. You never can tell whether one of these players might some day be on the big team."

The Blues have two first round selections this June. And don't you think Scotty Bowman isn't surveying the entire field of play. "We acquired Pittsburgh's choice back in 1969 and of course we have our own. I think you might very well see both of those draftees here next year."

The layman looks at these drafts

with the idea of selecting a player to fill a weakness, but when you get down to it there is no way you are going to pass up a better player just to satisfy an apparent sore spot in your present lineup. Just when you are set at one position, an injury may riddle that strength and then where do you turn?

"The life-line of an organization is apparent when you have a constant flow of young players ready to move into a spot vacated by an injury, trade or retirement. Obviously this logic is just as important," observed a constructive Bowman.

Further discussions of just what that first round can mean to a club is evident by the enviable position the number one pick will bring with it. If you feel there is really nothing of interest to you in that particular field of possible pro combatants, you can always sit comfortably in that favorite easy chair of yours and answer the telephone every hour on the hour.

It might seem to be a dilemma, but most club officials would trade for that same enviable seat.

"The stress in the draft is toward those athletes that have the size to complement their exceptional scoring ability. Most always the scouts will want to take an awfully good look at the smaller prospect. They will want to see whether his size interferes with the durability needed by a pro performer," forecast the knowledgeable G.M.

Scotty compared the whole ball of wax to a person buying stock. "You get a speculator to buy a very good stock. The quality stock won't depreciate, and is almost guaranteed to appreciate in value."

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Playing Short Handed

# HOCKEY MINUS ONE

BY BOB BURNES / Executive Sports Editor St. Louis Globe-Democrat

Hockey is the only sport in which a team may be forced to play for prolonged periods of time with one less player than the other side.

Baseball has no such provision. Neither does football. Any infractions there are penalized by yards stepped off. Occasionally it will happen in basketball. It did to St. Louis University's freshman basketball team earlier this season at Peoria. When four players fouled out there were only four left to finish the game.

In pro basketball, a team never plays shorthanded. If most of the players have exhausted their fouls and it would mean playing with four men, technical fouls are called and the opposing team retains possession.

In soccer, there have been regulations when, if a player was ejected from a game for a deliberate foul, he could not be replaced.

Only in hockey, however, is playing short an integral part of the game.

Apparently it has always been there. A thorough search of chronological histories of the game does not reveal any time when the penalty box was added. At least not in this century.

It has been only in the last fifteen or twenty years, maybe a little more than that, that hockey has done anything except take the two-minute penalty and hope for the best.

Until then, the shorthanded crew would park the four defenders near the blue line, defy the opposition to break through. Usually the opposition did.

One rule change led to another and suddenly penalties became more important.

The addition of the center red line opened up the offense, made it easier to sweep through into scoring

territory.

And the great Montreal and Detroit scoring machines of the fifties made such a shambles of games during the penalty period that another rule change was dictated.

People like Maurice Richard, Dickie Moore, Boom-Boom Geoffrion, the then young Jean Beliveau and Doug Harvey became so efficient that they could pour through three, four or five goals in the two-minute inhabitance by the opposition of the sin bin.

So could Gordie Howe, Sid Abel, Ted Lindsay and associates at Detroit.

In the mid-fifties another rule was changed.

A player excommunicated to the penalty box for two minutes would return the second the opposition scored. (This applied only to two-minute penalties and not off-setting ones, nor five-minute assessments.)

All of this put greater emphasis on the opportunity. The power play became a vital weapon. It has been only in the last fifteen years that

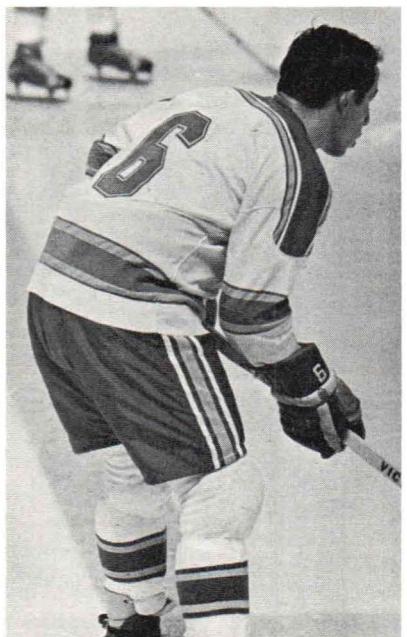
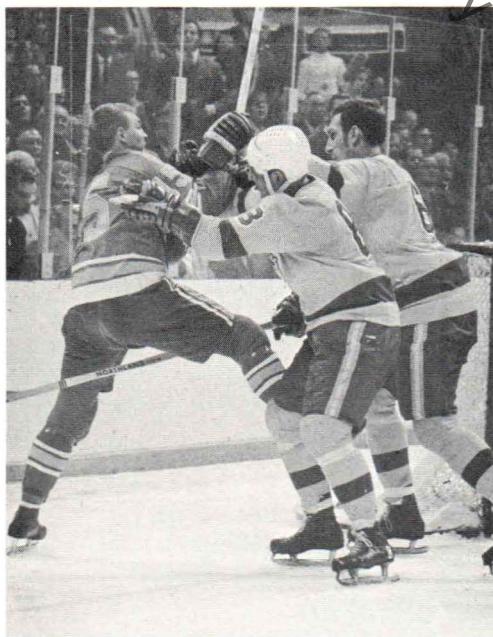
stress has been placed on this, that the "point" became a target spot.

But — and this is perhaps the most intriguing of all — if the Montreal Canadiens became so proficient on power play attempts that the rules had to be changed to circumvent them, they also were among the first to devise a sound method of defending against it.

It is an old story in sport. The coaches devise new rules. Then, the minute they are put in the books the same coaches put their heads together and figure out ways to upset those rules.

Penalty killing is now an art. On the Blues it is magnificently demonstrated by Bill McCreary and Jim Roberts, who are among the best in the league. Significantly, both of them spent much time in the Montreal organization.

"You have to know what your partner is doing," McCreary says, "because he has to back you up. Jim and I have been doing it so long that we know exactly what each other is doing at all times."



The Blues' McCreary and Roberts are two of the NHL's best in killing penalties.

There are a couple of factors. One is psychological, the other is physical. Both are dangerous.

Until the last fifteen years or so, the philosophy of killing a penalty was to lay back and wait for the opposition to come at you.

Now, however, good penalty killers like Roberts and McCreary go to the attack. They try to keep the opposition off balance, prevent the other team from setting up a concentrated assault. In other words, keep the other team out of the Blues end.

Bill and Jim use what they call "the circle pattern" and the next time they are killing a penalty you can easily watch them do it.

One will go deep into the other team's territory, skate in a big circle and try to harass the man with the puck. A quick jab with the stick can often shake the puck free.

If the other team slips by McCreary, then Roberts has to pick him up in a hurry. While he is skating in the circle pattern, trying to bother the other team, his partner is hurrying back behind him, ready to resume the same tactic.

It is a dangerous pursuit because, if the opposition slips by one man, it has an enormous advantage. The opposing team already has a 6-5 man edge. If it beats one man, now it is 6-4.

This demands precision and understanding between men like McCreary and Roberts; it also demands the ultimate in skating. When they come on the ice to kill a penalty, they must make up their minds that they are going to have to skate hard and fast the whole time they are out there.

The other team will do everything possible to keep the puck in play because every whistle gives the shorthanded team a chance to regroup.

In recent games, McCreary and Roberts have been so effective that they not only have killed off a good part of the penalties but four times they've scored while shorthanded with McCreary coming up with two shorthanded tallies.

The maneuver in every instance has been the same. The forecheck-

ing has enabled one or the other to shake the puck loose. When they do, they usually have only one man to beat because the attacking team has been caught down the ice.

The one with the puck sweeps to the side, draws the lone defender with him. The second that defender commits himself, Roberts or McCreary feeds a pass to the other who is open and unchallenged in front of the goal. If the defense man doesn't commit himself, the man carrying the puck just goes in and shoots.

Nothing takes the starch out of a team as much as a goal by a short-handed opponent.

General Manager Scotty Bowman of the Blues agrees that the philosophy has changed.

"For a long time in the National Hockey League," he said, "you could dress sixteen players, plus goalie or goalies. That meant three forward lines, two sets of defensemen — two spare forwards and one spare defenseman.

"These last ~~days~~ always were the least important men on the team," he said, laughing, "so they were sent out to kill the penalty. Besides, you didn't want to risk having one of your stars hurt and the chance of injury is always greater when somebody is in the penalty box because that puck is really flying around."

"But in recent years, now you use key men, guys who know how to play defense. Jim and Bill have always been key men on the Blues but they are the first ones called on. When they tire, you send out Red Berenson and Tim Ecclestone or Terry Crisp."

Jerry Toppazzini of Boston was one who made penalty killing an art. He holds the record for most short-handed goals in a season, 7 back in 1957-58. About the same time, Glen Skov of Detroit was doing just as effective a job.

Don Marshall (now with Buffalo) also was outstanding at killing penalties while with Montreal and later with New York.

"So are Bill and Jim," Scotty said. "They're as good as any around today. It takes a lot of heart and hustle to do it right."



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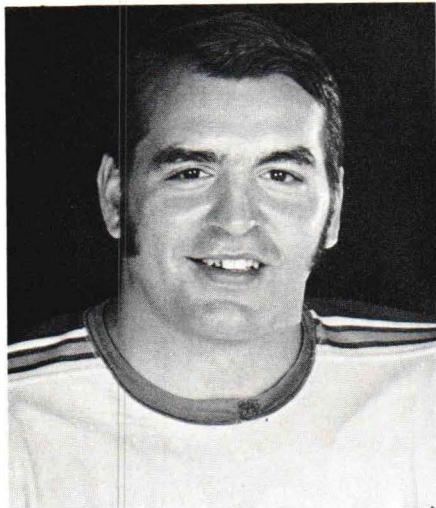
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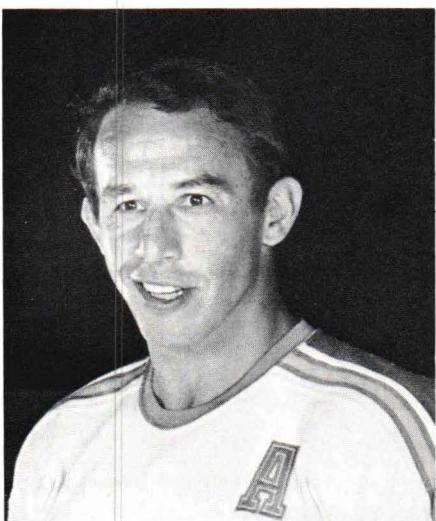
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Defense

Shoots left

Traded to St. Louis by New York with Gary Sabourin, Tim Ecclestone and Gord Kannegiesser in exchange for Rod Seiling, June 6, 1967.

NHL	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
TOTALS	178	5	28	33	282



**JIM ROBERTS**

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Drafted by St. Louis from Montreal in Expansion Draft, June 6, 1967.

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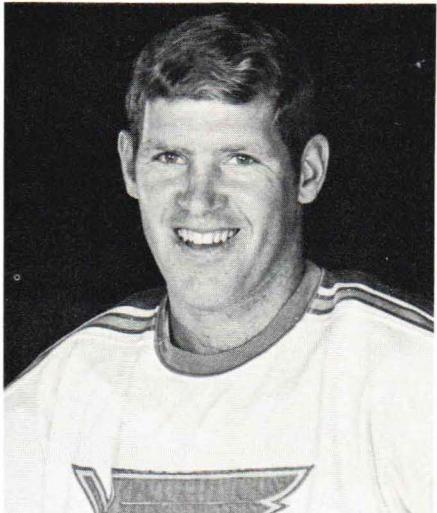
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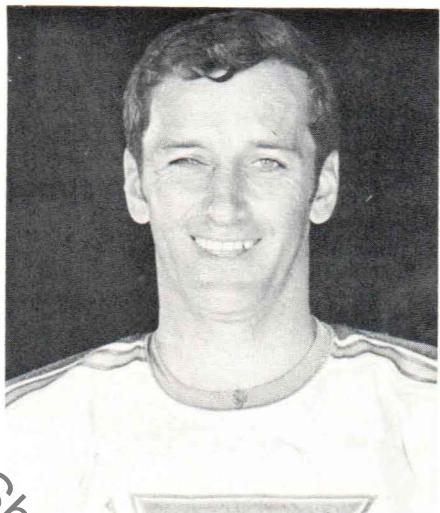
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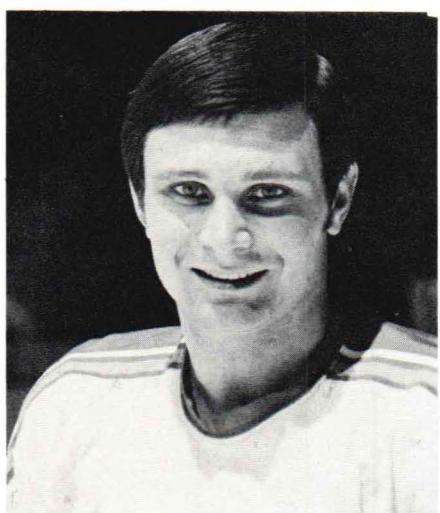
NHL	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
TOTALS	197	66	47	113	169



**FRANK ST. MARSEILLE**

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# NHL PERFORMERS SET RECORD PACE

BY JOE MEYER / Edwardsville Intelligencer

If it is proper to call 1970 the year of the quarterback in college football, then it would seem equally proper to label the 1970-71 National Hockey League season the year they destroyed the record book.

A lot of stones remained unturned as the 14-team circuit starts concentrating on the final half of the schedule. However, a replay of the first half of the season probably will leave the experts gasping for breath.

Can you imagine Boston's all-star center Phil Esposito finishing the campaign with 577 shots on goal and an unbelievable 74 goals?

Statistically this would be the case if "Espo" picks up where he left off at the All-Star game break.

The present record for shots on goal in a single season is 414. It was set two years ago by the "Golden Jet" Bobby Hull.

Hull, the Chicago veteran, also holds the record for most goals scored in a single season. He beat the defense 58 times in the 1968-69 campaign. It was the fourth time in his illustrious career that Hull reached the 50-goal plateau.

Others attack the game with their bodies and periodically use their fists to make their presence felt. One such performer is Keith Magnuson, the sophomore defenseman of Chicago.

The product of college hockey at Denver University has already sat out 177 minutes in penalties and should he continue this pace, Magnuson would surpass Howie Young's current mark of 273 minutes.

To single out any specific reason why there is such a determined assault on the record book this season.

Added expansion might be one solid reason. Yet, it is safe to say that the NHL isn't "watered" down to the degree of professional basketball or baseball.

With Vancouver and Buffalo joining the East in their initial year of existence and Chicago relocating

in the West, new rivalries have been born and old ones have taken on a new meaning.

Vancouver created the biggest stir in the early going, and while the Canucks have tailed off somewhat of late, they still have come up with quite a fine offensive club keyed by veteran Orland Kurtenbach and ex-Blues Wayne Maki and Andre Boudrais.

It has been the play at the blue line that has not measured up for coach Hal Laycoe.

The key figure for Buffalo has been the Sabres' super rookie Gil Perreault. He had 17 goals at the All-Star game break and has lived up to all pre-season scouting reports.

Despite the torrid beginning for Boston as a team and the lightning start of Esposito, Bobby Orr, Ken Hodge, John Bucyk and the maturing of young Wayne Cashman, the defending Stanley Cup champions have not been able to pull away from a healthy New York Ranger club.

At the beginning it appeared the Rangers might be in for trouble when several of their standouts had contract problems and missed part of the preseason schedule.

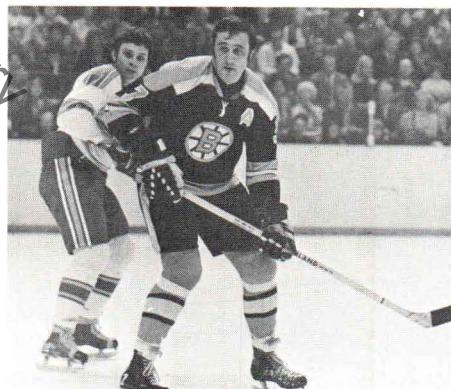
General manager-coach Emile Francis has done an excellent job of cementing the team together and with Ed Giacomin getting great goaltending help from rookie Gilles Villemure, New York has won with the same regularity that Boston has been accustomed to.

Against rival East Division clubs, New York had picked up 14 wins at the All-Star game break and this compared with 13 for Boston. The Bruins enjoyed the advantage against the West by a margin of three victories.

The resurgence of the Montreal Canadiens and the Toronto Maple Leafs could add a dimension to the upcoming playoffs that was definitely missing last year.

Montreal has started on the road back with a combination of timely deals and some surprising scoring

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Bobby Hull (No. 9) set record that Phil Esposito is now challenging.

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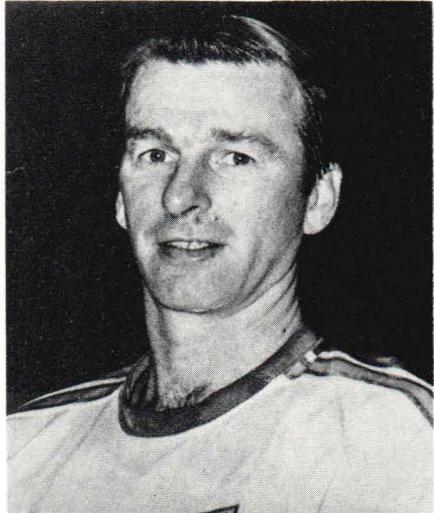
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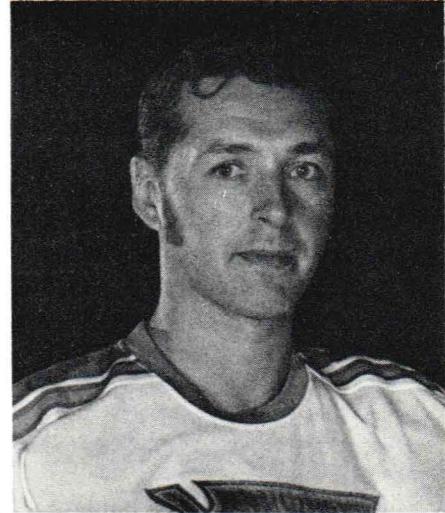
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**BILL SUTHERLAND**

**Forward** Shoots Left  
Purchased by St. Louis from Buffalo, October 20, 1970.

NHL	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
TOTALS	167	49	34	83	54



**ERNIE WAKELY**

**Goaltender** Shoots left  
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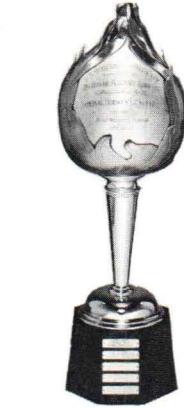


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**Suella and Claire**

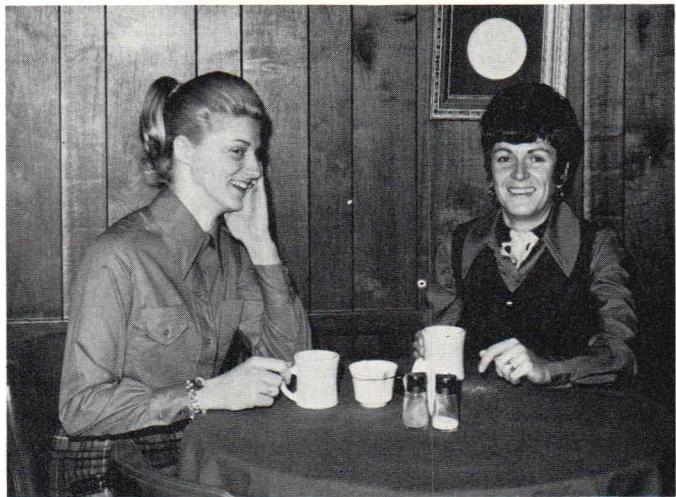
# A HOCKEY WIVES' STORY

BY ALICE HANDELMAN/Blues Staff

Coach's wife Claire Arbour saves scraps of paper. She saves them because husband Al is constantly "running around the house with a pencil and paper in hand jotting things down . . . hockey strategy things. I don't dare throw out a scrap of paper on the dresser or anywhere else in our home. This is a new thing. We didn't have it before when Al was captain of the Blues," said soft-spoken Claire.

The 36-year-old attractive black-haired hockey wife was sitting at a round wooden table in the Better Halves Room (reserved for wives and children of team members) at the Arena with Suella Bowman, wife of Scotty Bowman, General Manager of the Blues. They chatted about their homes, families, interests and hobbies and devotion to their husbands' careers with the St. Louis Blues.

Claire and Al met while the two Canadian teenagers lived as neighbors in Sudbury, Ontario. Al left home at the age of 15 to play hockey with Detroit and he only saw Claire during the summers. "We dated during the off-season one year and were married the next. It wasn't a long romance," she blushed.



**Suella Bowman (left) and Claire Arbour relax with cup of coffee in the Better Halves Room before a Blues' home game.**

Lovely Suella Chitty was a registered nurse when she met Scotty at a Clayton restaurant. "I was having dinner with my roommates when we were introduced. Scotty was talking to a guy that one of my roommates knew. Our first date was to the Muny Opera. When we met I didn't know or care anything about Scotty's job as Blues coach. I really didn't know anything about the game of hockey. It was still new to St. Louis. I was more impressed with the way he talked. He spoke so distinctly, so clearly, and didn't slur his words." They dated off and on . . . "sometimes more off than on" and were engaged and married the summer of 1969. The



Bowmans honeymooned for two weeks in Western Canada and toured the Canadian and American Rockies. One of the highlights of their trip was stopping off at the home of Blues goalie Glenn Hall. "Mrs. Hall is such a wonderful hostess. We had a great two days with the Halls."

Blonde-haired, blue-eyed Suella visited with Claire and talked of her new baby girl. Alicia Jean was born on October 26, weighing in at 8 pounds 2 ounces. "The baby has changed our lives in such a nice way, she smiled. The hardest part of being a new mother is separating myself from being a nurse. I find myself looking at Alicia like a nurse looks at a patient. As a nurse I was trained to watch for things to be wrong. But, I'm getting used to it and just love being a mother." She says Scotty is "very good with the baby. He has fed her a few times and is not afraid of her like many fathers are of infants. Of course he'd like to have a hockey playing son someday but he is really crazy about his little girl."

Waldo, a white German Shepherd dog, is the other member of the Bowman household. "He was our baby for a whole year," she laughed. Suella proudly showed off her "golden shepherd" charm that hangs on her gold charm bracelet . . . a gift from husband Scotty for her birthday in November.

The Bowmans live in a four bedroom ranch style home in Creve Coeur. "We have to grow into our home," she mused. The Bowmans recently built a fireplace in their home which is decorated with a Spanish feeling.

Suella, who grew up in Marion, Ill. says, "Hockey is a great life. There is never a dull moment . . . always something new and exciting. The people you meet are wonderful. The life of an athlete is a wholesome one and I'm proud to be part of it."

Suella graduated from the Missouri Baptist Hospital School of Nursing in 1958. She worked in Marion and Carbondale, Ill., and then moved to Dallas, Texas, where she was a nurse at Baylor Medical Center for two and one half years. She came back to St. Louis in 1964 . . . "I just wanted to be closer to home." She was a nurse at John Cochran Veterans Hospital until January 1966. From 1966-1968 she helped set up and open the intensive care unit at Missouri Baptist Hospital where she was head medical and surgical nurse in the intensive care unit. She then went to work as private nurse for cardiologist Dr. Kenneth Watson in the catheterization laboratory at John Cochran Veterans Hospital.

Suella says she "knows hockey fairly well for someone who hasn't grown up with it. I've only lived hockey for three years. I learned the rules from Claire Woodcock" (wife of head trainer Tom) who Suella sits with

at all games. She admits that game days are different now that Scotty is no longer coach. "He isn't as tense as he used to be. He eats normal meals at regular hours now. When he was coach he never ate a regular lunch and dinner." She enjoys cooking and says Scotty's favorite food is steak. "Scotty loves Chinese food too but I don't know how to cook it," she admits.

It is highly feasible that her friend and fellow hockey wife Claire Arbour may teach Suella how to cook Chinese food. One of Claire's favorite pastimes is cooking. "Now I'm trying to cook Chinese style. Al wants me to make him eggroles. It is a long, tedious job with lots of chopping involved but I don't mind as I love to cook," said Claire, who also enjoys cooking Italian foods.

Claire and Al Arbour live in a four bedroom ranch home in Oaktree Farm Estates in Ballwin, with their three children: JoAnn, 14; Jay, 12; and Julie, 3. "All we need now is a whole bunch of new furniture," she joked. She favors ultra-modern decor. "That is what I'd really like to get into." When she is ready to complete decorating her home she can use knowledge she gained while taking an interior decorating course with Pat McDonald (wife of Blues left wing Ab McDonald).

She says that although she thinks St. Louis fans are "the greatest . . . sometimes they can be unkind. If I know that a player is injured and I hear a fan yell at a player I could just die. It is just the odd fan who likes to be heard above all others."

Claire, who is quite a student of hockey rules, says her pet peeve is the officials. "I yell at them all night long. I usually spot 'offsides' when they don't and then start screaming. I know their job is very demanding and that they take a lot of abuse . . . and I am sympathetic to them but I can't help yelling at them."

The night of a game Claire and Al arrive at the Arena at 6:30 p.m. JoAnn comes down on weekends and Jay comes during the week. "They sit in the same section with me." (Claire sits with Boots Fletcher (whose husband Cliff is Scotty Bowman's assistant.) She says the children of hockey players are very close friends. They look forward to coming to the games and watching their fathers play hockey. "And, the annual Florida vacation we take together is such fun."

Hockey wives never travel out of town with their husbands for a game. "Wives are never brought along. During the playoffs the home team is taken away to a hotel the night before the game."

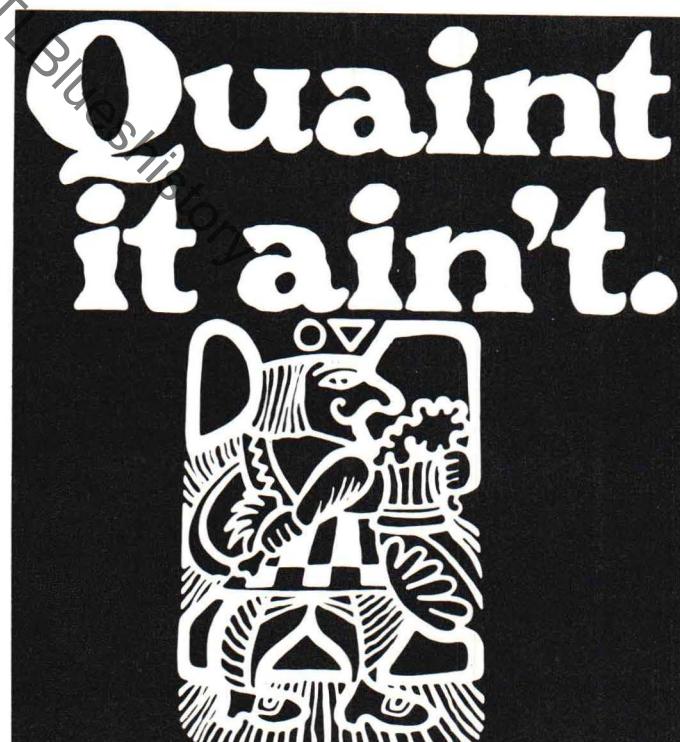
Claire loved her life as a player's wife. "When I learned that Al was quitting after a 17 year pro career it was hard to accept the fact that I wouldn't see him play again. It was the end of an era in our lives. I really thought I'd miss him on the ice but I now love watching him as coach behind the bench." Al's career traces from Edmonton in 1952, to Detroit, Sherbrooke, Quebec, Chicago, Toronto, Rochester, and the Blues in 1967. The rear guard played on three Stanley Cup winning units and led St. Louis to two division titles and three

consecutive Stanley Cup final berths. He was selected to represent the West Division as its premier All-Star defenseman in each of the past two seasons.

Claire says her bespectacled husband is "quiet at the best of times . . . but is even quieter when the Blues lose. He sits around and thinks and ponders 'What went wrong.' He is more relaxed after a win. And, he is always great with the children . . . always the same. He seldom brings his problems home." Mind you he was always quiet," she said in her pleasing Canadian accent.

She says that the day of the game is still the same as when Al played. He eats at 2:30 p.m. and rests all afternoon. The children can always tell it is a game day and are quiet. "Just little Julie doesn't quite understand. But, then, she is the apple of her daddy's eye and can get away with anything. He just adores her . . . his charming little girl."

The Arbours vacation each summer in their cottage near Sudbury on tiny Edith Lake. "We have no electricity and no running water. We fish and swim all day." Last summer Jay caught a 14 pound Pike. And . . . the roads leading to their cabin are terrible . . . but we get there and really relax when we do." Claire Arbour said there is only one way to describe their summer vacation: "We rough it." And . . . that's probably the only way a former defenseman would have it.



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**"Senator" McCreary**

# LIKE A FINE WINE

BY ARNOLD IRISH/Metro - East Journal

Billy McCreary came along 15 years too soon.

The Blues' veteran left winger still is a formidable figure on the ice after almost two decades in pro hockey — an outstanding fore-checker invariably assigned to one of the opposition's better shooters, a positional player who might as well have stepped out of the pages of a coaches' manual, and a classic penalty-killer whose knack for scoring shorthanded goals is well-known.

But the irony of it all is that McCreary, miscast for so many years in a sport with World War III overtones, repeatedly shunted to the minors for toughening up and finally playing out the string in what he admits may be his last season, today finds the National Hockey League tailor-made to the player he was half his lifetime ago.

"I'd had a fantastic record in the juniors," McCreary, 36, recalls with no little trace of nostalgia. "I was tied up at 15 by the Rangers, and that year I was on the Memorial Cup team — the youngest player on the club — and played on a line with Andy Bathgate and Dean Prentice.

"I thought all along I had the potential to play in this league — that somebody would give me a chance — but I bounced around. Up and down."

In his first dozen years as a pro, however, McCreary — the property of New York, Detroit and Montreal in that order — logged most of his time with eight minor-league clubs.

"If I had it to do over, again," McCreary muses, "I'd probably apply myself more on contact because when I came into hockey the stick was a big element in the game. A stick to the head was only a two-to-five minute penalty, and teams looked for big men."

"I never was a rough type player — a guy like Gary Sabourin, for example, who is always using his

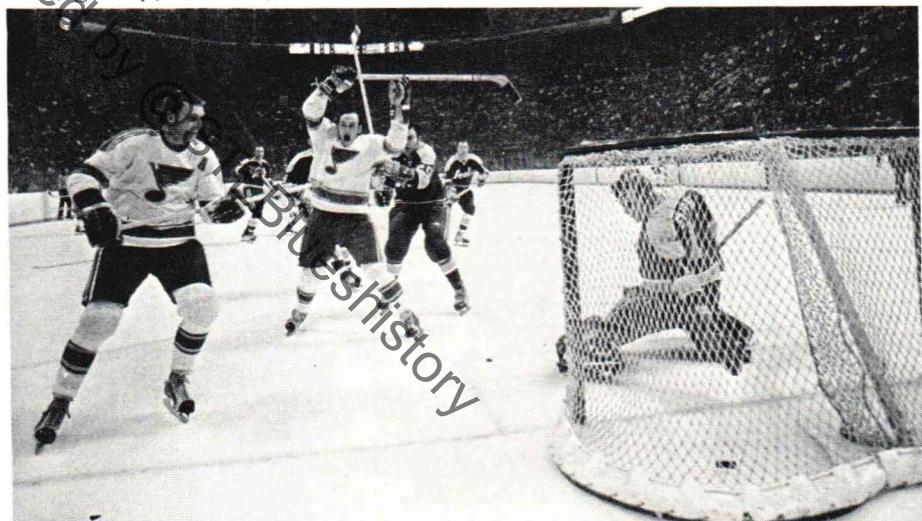
body, always making contact. But, then, I played at 168 pounds, and in those days a winger had to be heavier."

So McCreary spent an inordinate amount of his career in hockey's hinterland, plying his trade in such outposts as Saskatoon, Hershey and Hull-Ottawa. He even served a stretch at the sport's answer to Sing Sing — Springfield, Mass., where Eddie Shore played warden with a Queeg-like mind that found him trussing his players' legs in harnesses that restricted their strides in practice to a length he deemed suitable.

"I always said everybody should play one year for Shore," Bill recalls grimly, "but only one year."

"and I began branching out into other phases of the business, selling tickets and advertising for programs for the teams I represented. Through it I gained invaluable experience. I might not want to pursue a career in hockey after I'm finished as a player — and this might be my last year — but for having done these other things I'm in a better position to evaluate my future in hockey."

McCreary's track record with the Blues substantiates the importance he places on his experience in hockey's off-ice facets. They obtained him from the Canadiens in 1967, but he was valuable to them before he ever laced on a pair of skates as he spent the summer prior



Billy and Chris Bordeleau team up for another Blues goal.

McCreary was 26 when he walked out on Shore, in effect turning his back on hockey as he neared what should have been the peak of his career, but hockey people recognized that the discouraged winger represented potential and he was lured back to the sport he loved.

"Somewhere along the line, though, I got a reputation for being outspoken," Bill admits.

He had good years in the boondocks, but the big break didn't come.

"When I turned 30 I got into coaching, two years at Omaha and one at Houston," he remembers,

to their initial season working in the club's ticket and promotion program.

And, on the ice, McCreary proved a pleasant surprise, scoring 13 goals in each of his first two years with the Blues, whose raw recruits up front responded favorably to Bill's reassuring guidance. Here was a man who could lead by example, and, like his penalty-killing colleague, Jimmy Roberts, a man who never dogged it.

McCreary shrugs off his role in helping to bring along the Blues' kids.

"You see it throughout the sport,"

Billy says. "Veterans helping younger players trying to take their jobs. I'm not suggesting it doesn't happen in other sports because I don't know. I do know it happens in hockey, though."

"I remember Jean Beliveau — and this was six years ago when he was a big star — stopping by the hotel to take me to practice. And I remember Gordie Howe. Detroit's routine in camp was practice in the morning, golf in the afternoon. Gordie and (Ted) Lindsay would always pair off with the rookies instead of playing with the old pros. Just a nice way of saying they remembered how it felt to be a rookie."

"Hockey is full of examples like that. Tim Ecclestone could tell you about the hours Dickie Moore spent working with him. Or Glenn Hall and Jacques Plante with Ernie Wakely."

In a day when many athletes in all pro sports are wealthy, hockey players almost to a man make the transition to nouveau riche status while so many of their counterparts in other sports develop a new hat size.

"If this is true, and I've heard it said by many, hockey players may communicate with the public better because we realize our humble beginnings," McCreary reasons. "Most of the guys are from middle-to lower-class families, and they're better motivated than somebody who had it easier. They're used to working, and if success comes, they tend to keep working and remain humble."

If you're a hockey devotee, you know McCreary's nickname is The Senator. But you may not know that, unlike ex-Cardinal outfielder Carl Taylor (who earned the same sobriquet by complaining that to make the starting lineup an athlete has to play politics), Bill came by his moniker because somebody thought he looked like a statesman.

"I got that nickname the Blues' first year when Ronnie Stewart was still with us," McCreary laughs. "I always wore a hat and dressed pretty conservatively. One day as I stepped onto the team's plane, Stewie said, 'Hi, Senator,' and it

stuck. I happened to be wearing a jet black hat, but actually it wasn't the bowler type that senators are said to wear."

"There's a story behind my wearing a hat, though. My wife's family was in the hat business at the time, and as an in-law I wore hats to promote the business. The custom of wearing a hat is more pronounced in Canada, probably because the weather there tends to be cooler. Up there, though, a well-dressed man wears a hat. I liked hats, but I no longer wear one."

He'll always be The Senator, though.

McCreary was in rare form last season, scoring 15 goals (his NHL high) and 17 assists during the regular season and adding a goal and seven assists in the playoffs. "Last year was my best ever," Bill says. "I was free of injuries, which is always a player's main hazard, and able to keep my skating, timing and shooting sharp. You are as good as the fellows around you, though, and the Blues are extremely close-knit."

How about McCreary's virtuosity as a shorthanded goal-getter?

"It involves two defensemen," Bill explains. "Jimmy (Roberts) and I play mainly a box. Sometimes, if the opposition is gambling, there's a lucky bounce to center ice."

Unlike the proverbial outfielder who computes his batting average between (and sometimes during) pitches, McCreary hasn't the foggiest notion how many shorthanded goals he's scored.

"Hockey moves too fast for that," Bill says. "I suspect hockey players dwell less on statistics than players in some other sports." Baseball, for example, has such magic achievement levels as 20 victories for pitchers and .300 for batters.

"Our tradition is based on team effort," McCreary says. "Individuals are aware of their own achievements, but not to the extent of keeping their percentages. We remember the plays, but it's such a fast game there's little time to think about individual performance. Our overriding thought is of winning."

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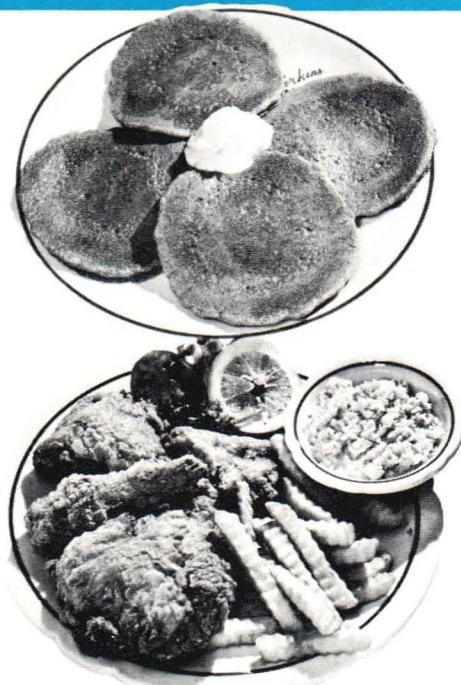
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**ELBOWING:** Use of the elbow in such manner as to in any way foul an opponent.

**HIGH STICKING:** The carrying of sticks above the height of the shoulders, so that injury to the face or head of the opponent results.

**HOLDING:** Clutching opposing player's body with hands.

**HOOKING:** The use of the stick in tripping or otherwise impeding the progress of an opponent.

**MAJOR PENALTY:** For major infractions — time usually five minutes.

**MATCH PENALTY:** For serious infraction of rules — player and team penalized.

**MINOR PENALTY:** For minor infractions — time two minutes.

**PENALTY SHOT:** Free shot at goal due to infraction by opposition.

**SLASHING:** Striking opposing player with stick.

**SPEARING:** Jabbing blade end of stick into opposing player's body.

**TRIPPING:** Upsetting player either through means of your foot or stick.

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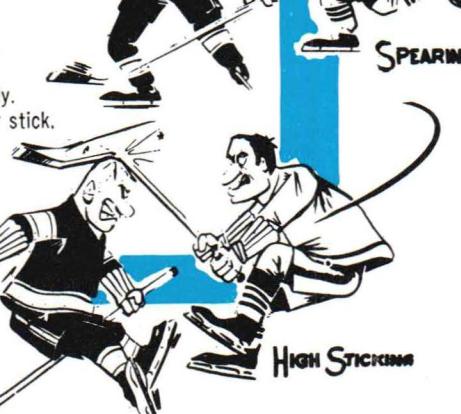
HIGH STICKING



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## NHL PERFORMERS

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from Pete Mahovlich while Toronto is getting super seasons from Norm Ullman and Dave Keon and is beginning to reap the harvest of a young defensive corps.

There is also a man in goal by the name of Jacques Plante that hasn't hurt either. Plante, picked up in the off-season from St. Louis, had seen action in 25 games by All-Star game break and had fashioned a 1.90 goals-against average. It is second to the 1.79 owned by the Rangers' Villemure.

Internal problems and age has taken its toll in Detroit.

The Red Wings recently broke up their big scoring line by unloading Frank Mahovlich to Montreal for three younger players, but the Wings still may need a miracle to get into the playoffs.

The Black Hawks can become the first team in NHL history to win both division titles if St. Louis does not shift into high gear down the homestretch.

St. Louis had had its own way in the West the last two years and has been the only West Division team to gain a berth in the Stanley Cup finals since the NHL staged

its first phase of expansion in 1967-68.

Chicago, by virtue of more wins, wrestled the East crown away from Boston last year. Both teams totalled the same amount of points.

With the West still in the process of reaching parity with the established east, the presence of Chicago could be a blessing in disguise, even though it will make it harder for California, Pittsburgh and Los Angeles to gain a playoff spot.

These cities have always been able to draw a good crowd when the Black Hawks and the other East Division teams furnished the opposition. However, a win over Chicago is a four-point victory now.

To keep the Black Hawks, St. Louis and maybe Minnesota from dominating the scene, other division teams will have to step up their development program to keep their heads above water.

This should help each individual team, the division and the league, especially when President Clarence Campbell on occasions has suggested future expansion to include several European capitals.

St. Louis has had an interesting season with rookie coach Al Arbour at the helm. The Blues have not

played in the same consistent manner of the past two seasons, but they have come up with more points than last year and have accomplished it with no less than seven new players in the lineup.

It was sad to see a clever stick handler like Phil Goyette left unprotected in the draft and to see Plante dealt away after watching them apply the tricks of their trade with the perfection of a true professional.

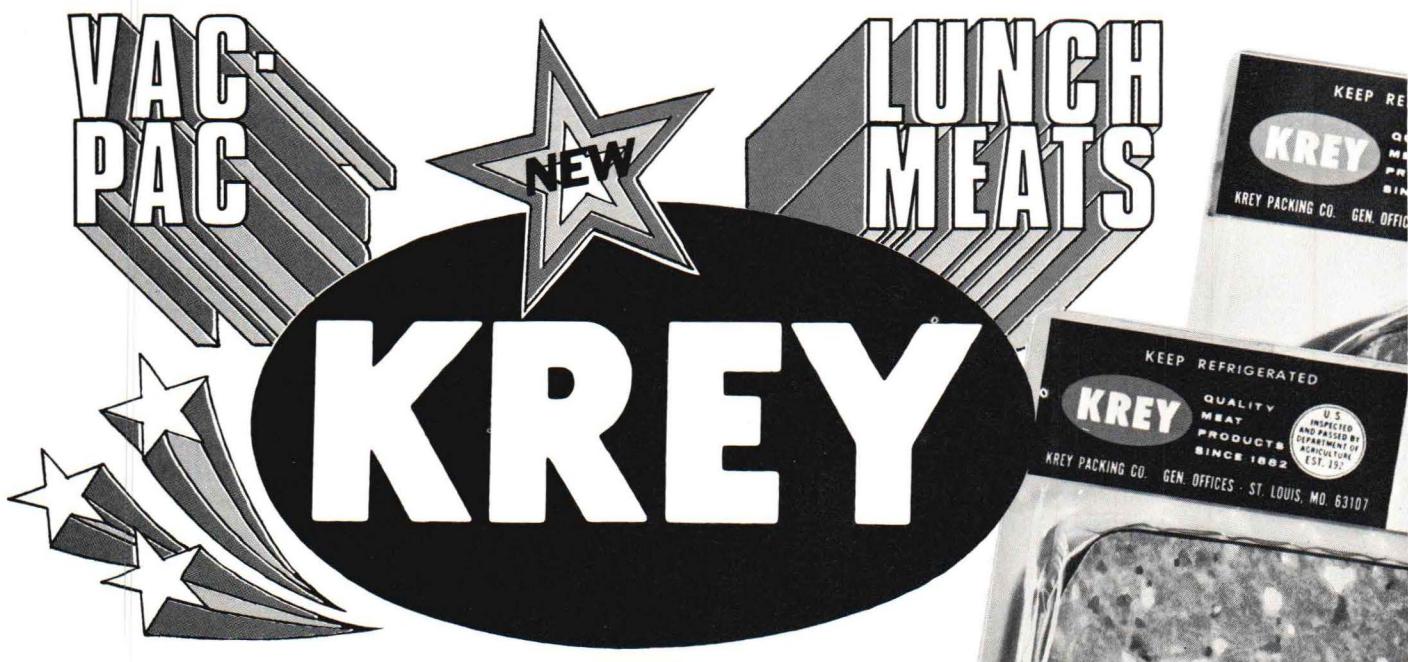
Yet, it has been great to watch rookie George Morrison take a stiff check to make a play.

Bob Plager has fashioned his finest season, although sidelined twice with a banged up knee. His hip checks were never better and he rivals brother Barclay when it comes to blocking shots.

The Blues don't figure to set any NHL records, unless they catch Chicago and win an unprecedented third straight regular season title.

It's going to be interesting to see just how many records actually fall when this season is over.

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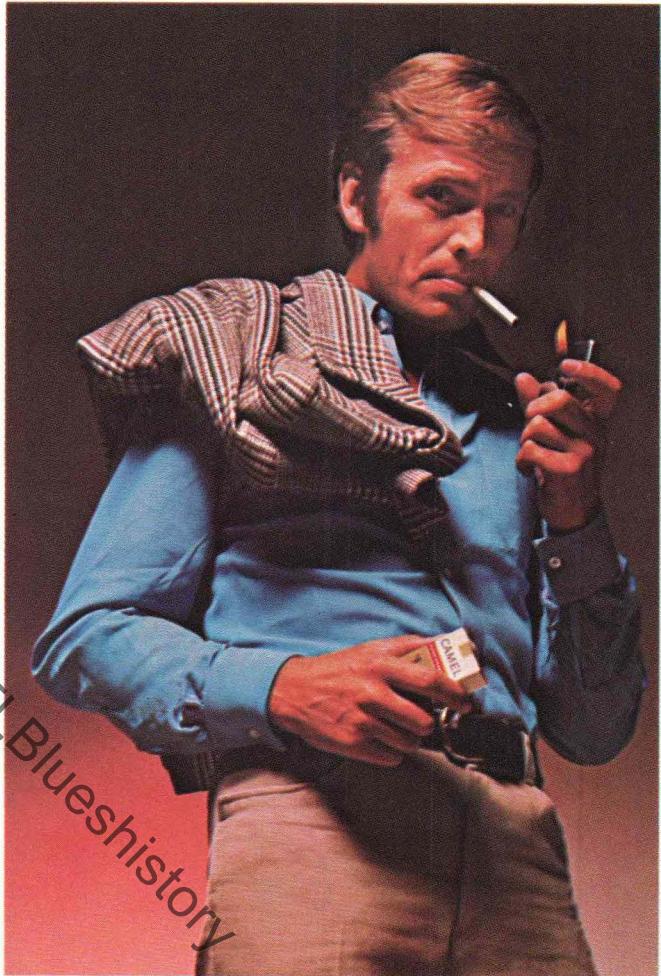
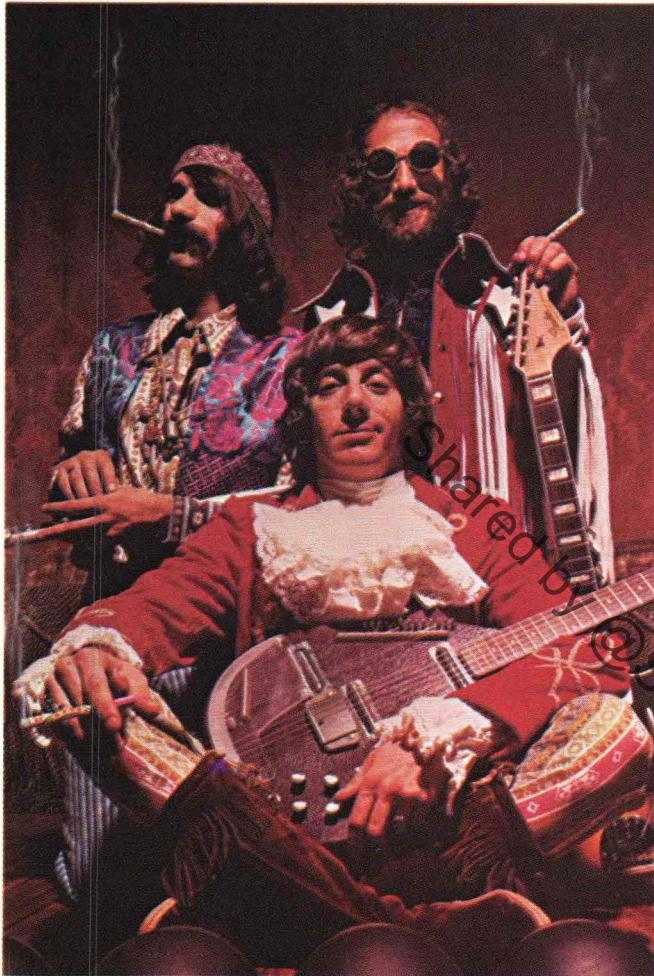
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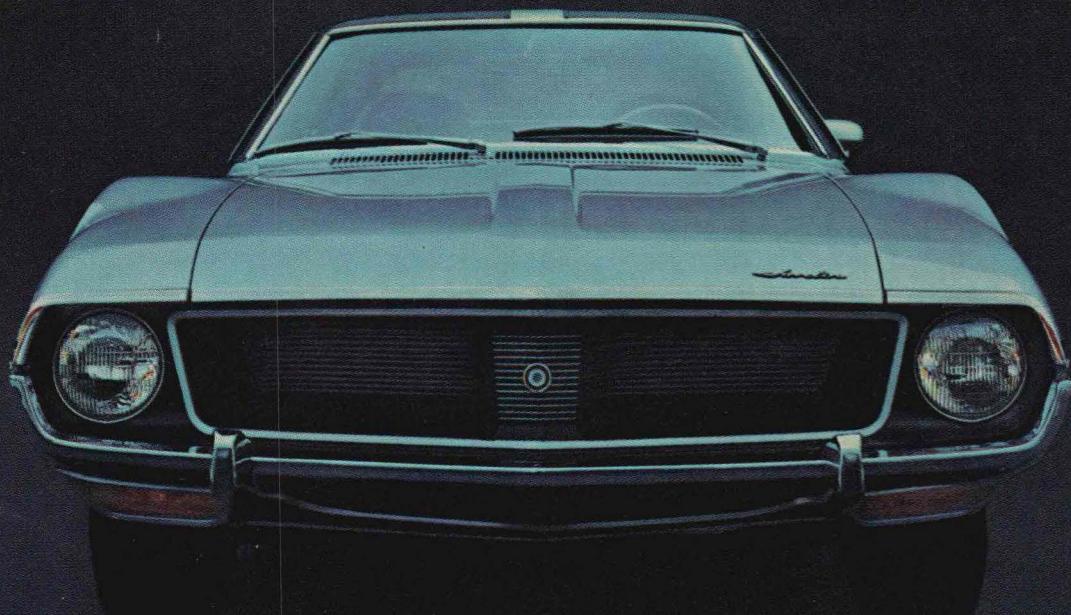
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